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# $102M budget OK'd; shutdown averted

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A partial government shutdown has been averted following the House and Senate's passage last night of a $102-million budget bill that the governor is expected to sign shortly or before the start of fiscal year 2012 on Oct. 1.

In back-to-back sessions late afternoon yesterday that lasted until evening, the House and Senate passed a compromise budget bill that increased the appropriations for the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, the Commonwealth Election Commission, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and lawmakers' individual operational account.

The House passed the budget bill at 5:42pm by a vote of 19-1. The only "no" vote was by Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), who didn't want the nine-member Senate to have the same leadership account as the 20-member House of $138,000.



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The Senate passed the budget bill at 6:31pm by a vote of 9-0.

The crowd in the House and Senate galleries applauded when the votes were counted.

House Bill 17-215, House Substitute 1, House Draft 5, Senate Substitute 1, Conference Committee Substitute 1 now goes to the governor for action.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment prior to the Legislature's back-to-back sessions, said if and when the Legislature passes the budget bill Friday as planned, "the administration will immediately conduct a final review and examination to ensure that the government's new spending plan is balanced and sufficient for the government's operations throughout [fiscal year] 2012."

"Following completion of its review, the administration will act on the bill accordingly," Demapan said.

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick explains the new transitional worker rule during a session for members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

# Employers must still advertise job vacancies

## » CNMI Labor urges US workers to apply for jobs held by aliens

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The Commonwealth-only worker rule does not have a 20 percent or 30 percent local hiring requirement as a condition for processing CW applications, but employers wanting to hire foreign workers still need to consider advertising job vacancies to support their attestation that no other qualified U.S. workers were available for the same jobs.

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# Federal jury finds Reksid guilty

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Federal jurors reached a verdict yesterday finding a former Department of Public Lands official guilty of accepting a $3,000 bribe from an owner of a private company that obtained a federally funded contract from DPL.

Jurors reached the unanimous verdict at 9:47am, finding Franz B. Reksid, a former special assistant to the DPL secretary, guilty of bribery. The jury began deliberations Thursday afternoon. The trial of the 70-year-old Reksid started Monday.

His sentencing will be on Jan. 25, 2012 at 10am.

Bribery concerning a program receiving federal funds has a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and a

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# August arrivals down 12 percent

August 2011 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were down 12 percent compared to August 2010.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 33,503 visitors in July compared to 38,047 in August 2010. Overall, visitor arrivals are down 8 percent so far this fiscal year to 312,698 visitors.

Arrivals from Japan dropped 24 percent to 15,388. In August 2011 the CNMI received two daily flights from Narita compared to three daily flights in August 2010. Fly Micronesia launched five new flights per week from Nagoya starting Aug. 11. The new service has been hit with a significant number of cancellations, which industry watchers hope will be alleviated by the arrival of a second aircraft at the end of September. While

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# Local

## NMC increases grant awards; doubles recipients of CACG

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The Northern Marianas College has increased the grant awards and doubled the number of students receiving financial aid from the federally funded College Access Challenge Grant.

Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services, said the college made the move because of dwindling financial assistance received by students from the local government.

Pangelinan is alluding to both the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance and the CNMI Scholarship Office scholarship programs, which are suffering from delayed disbursement of checks.

NMC is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant Program that provides $1.5 million yearly for four years. It is a community collaborative effort aimed at helping students who are Native Pacific Islanders and come from low-income families in the Commonwealth to enroll, remain, and succeed in college.

According to Pangelinan, 2011 marks the fourth year of the grant cycle and he anticipates a decision for a new grant for school year 2011-2012, amounting to $1.5 million yearly.

In the past four years, NMC committed about $240,000 from the grant for scholarships while the rest of the fund went to programs such as Smart Seminars and Cash for College workshops, Pangelinan said. The $240,000 was availed of by about 190 students, each receiving $1,200 per semester.

Starting this year, he said NMC will commit $500,000 from the expected $1.5 million for the scholarship program of students.

"Because we will commit one-third of the grant funding for students' scholarship, this means that each student will also receive a higher award from $1,200 per semester to $1,500 per semester. An estimated over 300 students will benefit from this grant."

SHEFA cut all financial award amounts starting in the spring semester. The CNMI Scholarship Office is also evaluating its programs and policies.

## *546 scholars' checks pending at Finance*

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Over 500 checks for eligible scholars of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program and the CNMI Scholarship Office are pending at the Department of Finance.

Most of these checks for 546 recipients are made up of financial assistance covering previous semesters. The total amount is $863,510.

NMI Scholarship Office administrator Jackie Che disclosed that a total of 253 checks remain pending to complete the spring 2011 award disbursement. These awards total $303,210.

The Scholarship Office receives $2 million each fiscal year for its Honors and Education Assistance Program. Che disclosed that her office exceeded its allotted budget last fiscal year.

"It seems that we overshot our budget last school year and scholarship grants amounted to more than what was within our budget," she said, adding that since there are not enough funds from last school year, the NMI Scholarship Office will be paying for the actual educational costs of 40 students who have an outstanding balance with the Northern Marianas College.

The remaining 213 students who were able to pay out of their own pockets or with the help of Pell grants will have to wait until the government's budget shortfall is resolved, she said.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider is still waiting for Finance to disburse 293 checks amounting to $560,300.

Of these checks, 261 cover the first batch of scholars for fall 2011, amounting to $473,100; 13 checks cover the spring 2011 semester amounting to $14,200; and 18 checks are the undisbursed financial aids for fall 2010 semester, which amount to $76,000.

Each fiscal year, the Legislature appropriates $3 million for SHEFA programs.

## Postal stamps to benefit wildlife conservation

The U.S. Postal Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have released a "Save Vanishing Species" semipostal stamp. Proceeds of the semipostal stamp will directly benefit the *Wildlife Without Borders* Multinational Species Conservation Funds, and help conserve a number of endangered keystone wildlife species, including African and Asian elephants, rhinoceros, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles.

The "Save the Vanishing Species" stamp was made possible through the passage of H.R. 1454, the MSCF Semipostal Stamp Act of 2010, of which Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo was a lead co-sponsor. As chairwoman of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife during the 111th Congress, Bordallo was instrumental in the passage of H.R. 1454.

"The "Save Vanishing Species" semipostal stamp will help promote the conservation of vulnerable endangered species and prevent their future decline in population," said Bordallo. ***(PR)***


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# Governor submits Camacho's documents to Senate

## » Nomination yet to get public hearing

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial submitted documents to the Senate last week in support of his Aug. 10 nomination of former House floor leader and attorney Joseph N. Camacho to serve as Superior Court associate judge. As of yesterday, Camacho's nomination has yet to get a public hearing date.

Fitial submitted to Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) a copy of Camacho's résumé, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test receipt, and drug test result.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, said yesterday that the Senate is prioritizing action on the fiscal year 2012 budget bill.

Cruz said it doesn't make sense to entertain appointments that will impact funding when the budget has yet to be passed and signed into law.

He said hiring a judge of the Superior Court will cost the CNMI government approximately $308,000 annually.

This amount includes the base yearly salary of $120,000. If one includes the benefits, law clerk, secretary, and other miscellaneous expenses, the total estimated cost to CNMI taxpayers of a judge is $308,000.

The EAGI Committee and the Fiscal Affairs Committee has already finalized its report to the full Senate to ask the governor to withdraw his appointment of Camacho, at least until after the 2012 budget is passed.

The Senate has yet to adopt the report.

"The committees don't have anything against Mr. Camacho. But the timing of the nomination is just wrong. After the budget bill becomes law, then we will discuss the appointment, especially because the appointment to the Superior Court requires funding unlike appointments to other boards and commissions," Cruz added.

The report says that, based on statistics from the National Center for State Courts, the CNMI Judiciary receives salaries at, or in some cases above, the national average.

It also says it appears that any temporary hold on the vacancy of a Superior Court associate judge will not unduly reduce services to the community.

Fitial appointed Camacho as associate judge in the Superior Court to fill in the vacancy left by Ramona V. Manglona, now the chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Camacho's appointment came days after the Senate passed an initiative reducing the number of associate judges from at least four to three, citing the CNMI government's declining finances and the fewer number of cases filed in court.

The CNMI Constitution requires one presiding judge and at least four associate judges.

# Application of UOCAVA in the CNMI

On the application of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, or UOCAVA, in the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republican Party of the Northern Mariana Islands Association, through its chairman, Juan Nekai Babauta, issued the following statement:

"When the UOCAVA was enacted into law in 1986, it requires that states and territories allow certain groups of citizens to register and vote absentee in elections for federal offices… this includes U.S. citizens living outside the United States."

"A distinction was made in the UOCAVA statute that specifically says that this law does not apply to U.S. states and territories. However, because the law was written before the CNMI became a Commonwealth, the CNMI is not named or specifically mentioned in the statute; therefore it was not included in the definition of "state". The statute is Public Law 99-410. It defines "state" to mean the state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa."

"So, for example, if a person is from California or any of the 50 states and is now living in the CNMI, that person can contact his or her home state's election administration office to receive information on how that state facilitates compliance with UOCAVA and be sent an absentee ballot."

"Each state has its own election laws and therefore each will have slightly different ways in which it send its overseas voters their ballots, etc." ***(PR)***

# Air Force sets training on FDM

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

- Sept. 26, from 9am to 7pm
- Sept. 27-30, from 9am 4pm

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(USN)***

# Manglona: Advance parole is not a permit

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ruled that the I-512 advance parole authorization is not a permit but a document that evidences authorized stay in the United States.

Manglona discussed the I-512 advance parole authorization issue in her order issued Wednesday denying Dongjun Li's motion to dismiss count 1 of the indictment that charged him with immigration fraud.

Li, a Chinese national, was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in July when he allegedly tried to check-in for an outbound flight to Los Angeles, California, via Narita, Japan, using fake documents. The 38-year-old Li was indicted for immigration fraud and false statement or entry.

In Li's motion to dismiss the immigration fraud charge, attorney Mark A. Scoggins asserted that because an I-512 Authorization for Parole Document is not among the types of documents specified in the statute, Li's alleged use of the alleged fraudulent I-512 cannot subject him to criminal penalty.

Scoggins said the statute bars use of a fraudulent visa, permit, border crossing card, alien registration receipt card, or other document prescribed by statute or regulation for entry into or as evidence of authorized stay or employment.

In denying the motion, Manglona said the statute states that "when a parole is authorized for an alien who will travel to the United States without a visa, the alien shall be issued a Form I-512." Parole temporarily allows a non-citizen entry to the United States.

Manglona said the language of the statute makes it clear that while parolees are not legally admitted into the United States, they are allowed to stay in the United States.

Although parolees remain "constructively detained at the border," Manglona said that parole allows them "to temporarily remain in the United States pending the review and adjudication of their immigration status."

"Thus, the I-512 is a document that evidences authorization to stay temporarily in the United States," she pointed out.

Manglona said it is not necessary for the court to decide whether the I-512 is a document "for entry," because the I-512 clearly is a document that authorizes stay.

Because the I-512 advance parole authorization form is a document prescribed by statute or regulation as evidence of authorized stay in the United States, it satisfies the law pertaining to immigration fraud, she said. "Count 1 of the indictment, therefore, is sufficient on its face."

In immigration law, Manglona said, parole is the "legal fiction whereby an alien is allowed to be physically present in the United States for a specific purpose."

Parole, she said, does not "legally constitute an entry though the alien is physically within the United States."

Advance parole on the other hand, is an administrative procedure whereby the Department of Homeland Security may allow non-citizens who reside in the United States and have applied for adjustment of status to return to the United States after a brief absence.

Manglona said a regulation states that advance parolees traveling to the United States without a visa "shall be issued Form I-512."

She noted that advance parole plays a special role in the CNMI during the first two years of the transition to full federal authority over immigration.

The judge said certain aliens present in the CNMI on the transition period's effective date are eligible for advance parole to allow them to return to the CNMI after traveling abroad.

According to the indictment, Li used a forged U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service Form I-512 on July 15, 2011, as evidence of authorized stay or employment in the U.S. The document was accompanied by an authorization for extension of parole of alien in the U.S. dated July 11, 2011.

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## AUGUST

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overall arrivals from Japan this fiscal year are down 18 percent, September's Silver Week is expected to show strong arrivals to the CNMI.

Arrivals from the primary market of Korea dropped 2 percent in August to 10,540 arrivals. Market watchers in Korea, however, are seeing a gradual recovery with increasing air seats from Seoul and Busan. Asiana Airlines will launch new flights from Busan to Saipan twice weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays with an Airbus 320 aircraft with 144 seats running from Nov. 16, 2011, to Jan. 8, 2012. The aircraft will be upsized from an A320 to an A321 with 177 seats from Jan. 9 to March 24, 2012. These new Busan flights represent a gain of 6,198 seats from Nov. 16 to March 24, 2012. Also, Asiana will upgrade the nighttime aircraft from an Airbus 321 to an A330 with 275 seats from Oct. 1 to Dec. 4 resulting in a gain of 4,312 seats. Overall arrivals from Korea this fiscal year-to-date are unchanged from 2010, but airlift increases are projected to rise from the start of the new fiscal year in October.

The secondary market of China saw 5,118 arrivals in August, an 18-percent increase compared to the same month last year. Arrivals from China are also up 10 percent overall this fiscal year.

Arrivals from Russia continued their year-to-year growth streak that began in December 2010, posting a gain of 10 percent in August 2011 to 422 visitors. The lucrative market is up 18 percent overall this fiscal year.

The MVA also reported a 613 percent growth in arrivals from Hong Kong in August to 164 visitors. The increase follows the launching of direct Hong Kong-Saipan flights by Fly Micronesia in May.

The Philippines posted a 23-percent increase in arrivals to 53 in August, while arrivals from other markets were down: United States (-42 percent to 486), Guam (-15 percent to 1,117), and Other Areas (-4 percent to 215).

### Economic highlights

For the first time in two months, the Japanese Cabinet Office upgraded its assessment of Japan's economy, noting, "the Japanese economy is picking up while difficulties continue to prevail due to the Great East Japan Earthquake." A survey of major companies' CEOs by the *Mainichi* newspaper showed that 52.7 percent of them agree the economy is recovering, though all respondents pointed out some degree of uncertainty due to the financial situations in the U.S. and Europe. The Japanese government stopped enforcing its power savings requirements on large companies on Sept. 9, two weeks ahead of schedule, as peak temperatures have passed and ample power supplies have been restored.

Japanese outbound travel not only returned to positive territory in July 2011, the monthly total of 1,469,000 was the second highest July total ever. Experts attribute the gain to the release of pent up demand following the period of self-restraint after the earthquake, combined with record high yen-dollar exchange rates.

A record number of Koreans are expected to enjoy their vacations overseas this summer. Incheon International Airport predicts that more than 1.6 million Koreans will go overseas for their summer vacation this year, breaking the record set last year. The travel industry is enjoying a boom amid the scorching weather, which has followed the end of the annual rainy season. ***(MVA)***

## FEDERAL

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$250,000 fine.

Attorney Mark Hanson, counsel for Reksid, refused to comment about the verdict.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley prosecuted the case. U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Michael Ponsor presided over the trial.

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the NMI, said in a statement yesterday that the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney's Office are committed to enforcing laws that protect the public's trust and faith in the integrity of the government.

Limtiaco said ordinary citizens and community members should be able to rely on and expect government officials to exercise their duties with honesty and integrity.

"When government officials breach that public trust and violate laws, including soliciting and receiving things of value in return for being influenced in the performance of their official duties, the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney's Office commit to holding public officials accountable who abuse or misuse their office or misspend taxpayer dollars," Limtiaco said.

Reksid, as then special assistant to DPL secretary, was responsible for overseeing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grants to DPL. The grants included funding for removal and disposal of unexploded ordnance left behind from World War II in Marpi.

The indictment alleged that Reksid solicited a payment of $3,000 from John Scott, owner of the All-Hazard Management Professionals Inc. that obtained a contract with DPL. EPA's grant funded the contract.

According to court documents, Reksid borrowed over $300,000 from friends, associates, and relatives and wired part of the money to Ivory Coast and Nigeria.

Federal agents from EPA's Office of the Inspector General conducted the investigation. The FBI and the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor assisted in the investigation.

Reksid was on trial for only one count of bribery concerning a program receiving federal funds; the other wire fraud charges were dismissed.

Scott testified Wednesday that he gave Reksid $3,000 in February 2009, but that it was a personal loan and had nothing to do with AMPRO's unexploded cleanup work.

## BUDGET

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Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the conference committee, thanked his fellow conferees for working diligently to come up with a "fair, realistic and balanced budget bill."

During the session, Basa said over 1,000 government employees now don't have to worry about a shutdown.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) thanked the Senate and House for their trust in the conference committee. Just like Basa, she thanked her fellow conferees, the legal counsels and the legislative staffers for working together on a compromise budget.

She said she and Basa agreed that for the 2013 budget, the House Ways and Means Committee will immediately work on the spending measure as soon as the governor submits it on April 1.

Taimanao, during the Senate session, said the Senate was pushed against a wall, given the limited time it had to go over the details of the budget bill.

Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), a conferee, said the budget bill "may not be perfect, but it's a budget that we can work with."

Another conferee, Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), said he's happy that the compromise budget bill is passed.

"I hope that the governor signs it as soon as he gets it, since he worked side by side with us on the budget," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

He was referring to acting governor Eloy S. Inos, who attended some of the meeting of the conference committee.

Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said while he's glad that the budget bill is now on its way to the governor, he is still worried about the 16-hour cuts.

"We should continue to work on restoring the normal 80 hours every two weeks. I will continue to find ways to generate additional revenue so we can restore normal work hours for our employees," he said after the Senate passed the budget.

Besides Basa, Taimanao, Deleon Guerrero, Demapan, and Iguel, the other conferees were Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), and Rep. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

At the House session, members—except for Tenorio—took turns commending the eight-member conference committee for working together to come up with a compromise budget bill that they hope the governor will sign soon. Senators did the same.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero said his agency's budget was almost restored to its 2011 level. Lawmakers gave the commission $265,866.

Guerrero said this is because the 2012 election needs to be funded partly in the fiscal years 2012 and 2013 budgets.

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library John Oliver Gonzales thanked the Legislature for increasing the library's budget, compared to the House's earlier proposal. The library's funding is now $217,299.

"Our budget is restored to the level of five years ago. We supported our request with data. Everything's data-driven," he said in an interview in the Senate chamber last night.

The House and Senate approved a $30 million funding for PSS, and $5.2 million for NMC so both could meet their federal maintenance-of-efforts requirements.

The approved compromise bill also gives the 29 lawmakers an annual allocation of $78,000, the same amount they're currently receiving. However, this amount could still be subjected to cuts down the road.

The Senate earlier zeroed out this account, along with the Senate and House leadership accounts but the conference committee restored the funding.

The Executive Branch's funding is down to $28.33 million, from over $29 million in the House and Senate versions of the budget bill.

Under the budget bill, not less than $500,000 collected from the $150 CNMI education funding fee under U.S. Public Law 110-229, will go to NMC. This is paid by employers for every foreign worker hired.

The Legislature gave the Marianas Visitors Authority $2.175 million, but agreed that House Bill 17-179, which sits in the Senate, should be passed to give additional funding to MVA.

Last night, senators held off action on the tourism bill for further review.

This bill seeks to charge passengers from non-U.S. destinations a new $15 "travel promotion fee" and provide tourism incentive to those bringing in additional tourists to the CNMI from Asian destinations.

Under the budget bill, $10 million is set aside for the government's employer contribution to the NMI Retirement Fund.

The Executive Branch's budget is $28.330 million, while the Legislature, $5.448 million. The Judiciary's budget remains at $4 million.

Rota and Tinian's budget is over $4.544 million each, while Saipan and the Northern Islands' budget total over $1.439 million.

Lawmakers also approved $10,000 for judgments, reduced to $12,000 the funding for the Micronesian Legal Services, increased the funding for Medical Referral to over $2.321 million, and provided a $77,162 funding for substance abuse prevention.

They increased by three the number of personnel allowed for government corporations, including an increase of two for the NMI Retirement Fund and one for the Public Utilities Commission.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said the conference committee "put a self-imposed deadline and worked diligently. And it shows in the report they produced."

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and other senators were listening in on the House session in the president's conference room, while House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and other House members were in the Senate gallery during the Senate session.

## EMPLOYERS

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during outreach sessions on the CW rule.

"We don't have that requirement as a condition of our process," said Philip Busch from the USCIS Office of Chief Counsel, when asked about a 30 percent local hiring requirement at an outreach session for Saipan Chamber of Commerce members.

David Gulick, USCIS district director, reiterated that employers petitioning for CW status need to consider job solicitation so they can truthfully attest that they tried to hire qualified U.S. workers for jobs but nobody was available.

Job postings may be online, newspapers, television, and other medium.

While the issue of the need for JVAs was clarified, Carlito Marquez, special projects manager at Pacific Marine and Industrial Corp., said that employers also want guidance as to how long these job advertisements should be posted.

"Should it be one week, two weeks or one month? Employers do not want USCIS to reject the CW application just because they advertised for a short period of time, but USCIS is not setting a length of time for advertising jobs to encourage U.S. workers to apply," Marquez told *Saipan Tribune.*

There is no specific length of time required to post these job vacancies, but employers need to attest that they were able to consider available U.S. workers for the position.

USCIS regional media manager Marie Therese Sebrechts separately said that "U.S. workers" include U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents or green card holders, and Freely Associated States citizens.

### CNMI Labor

The CNMI Department of Labor, meanwhile, has been encouraging U.S. citizens, green card holders, and FAS citizens to apply for jobs currently held by foreign workers.

"Jobs currently held by foreign workers will require a new federal permit (by Nov. 28, 2011). The new federal transitional worker program will require employers to hire available qualified U.S. citizens or green card holders before hiring or re-hiring aliens as transitional workers," Labor said in a public notice.

It said "a federal permit to employ an alien can be obtained only if an employer makes reasonable efforts to find qualified U.S. citizens for these jobs and no qualified citizens are available."

All jobs now held by aliens are listed in the CNMI Department of Labor's website, under Job Availability Survey, at www.marianaslabor.net.

"If you have problems, the CNMI Department of Labor will help. If you know of a job held by an alien for which you believe you are qualified, you can apply directly to the employer," CNMI Labor said.

### CW or H1B?

During the outreach sessions that started on Sept. 20, USCIS has been providing guidance to employers whether they have to apply for a CW or an H1B visa for their employees.

"Employers should 'reasonably believe' employee is not eligible for another employment-based nonimmigrant visa classification before submitting CW petition. A good question to ask is, 'Is the work temporary or seasonal in nature?'" USCIS said.

It said if the answer is "no," the employer may submit a statement that the work is not temporary/seasonal and they believe the worker is not eligible for another kind of nonimmigrant visa classification.

Only employers engaged in "legitimate" business are eligible to file for CW application.

Employers can start submitting CW petitions on Oct. 7.

USCIS encourages people to visit the following websites for more information about the CW rule: www.uscis.gov/cnmi, www.uscis.gov/cw, and www.youtube.com/user/uscis. To speak to someone in person, visit www.uscis.gov and make an InfoPass appointment.

USCIS will continue to have outreach sessions until Sept. 29.

From 10am to 12pm today, USCIS will have a public session at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

# Salary cap hike for Rev&Tax director now law

A bill raising the salary cap for the Division of Revenue and Taxation director from up to $42,000 to a maximum of $50,000 is now law, and Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) hopes that the vacant position will now attract qualified applicants.

Hofschneider's (R-Tinian) Senate Bill 17-51, House Draft 1 is now Public Law 17-52.

The bill became law without the governor's signature after the 40-day period lapsed without any action from the governor.

"Although this bill became law without the governor's signature, the governor is in full support of this bill," special assistant for programs and legislative review Vicky Guerrero said in a Sept. 22 letter to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

Under the new law, the salary for the Department of Finance's other unclassified division chiefs and special assistants is capped at $40,800. Exempted from this cap is the Revenue and Taxation director, who will receive a salary of not more than $50,000.

Hofschneider said that raising the salary cap for the Rev&Tax director was one of the recommendations by the Senate Tax Policy and Enforcement Review Committee last year.

"The task force found out that the salary of the Rev&Tax director was unattractive to qualified applicants and that's why it has remained vacant for three years," Hofschneider told *Saipan Tribune*. The position has been vacant since 2008.

A lack of a Rev&Tax director has been affecting the enforcement of poker regulations and delays in the release of tax refunds and rebates, among other things.

"With this bill becoming law, we hope that the administration will be able to hire a director for the division, which is responsible for tax collections and enforcement of tax laws," he added. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

# Limtiaco warns vs rise of scams

U.S. Attorney for Guam and NMI districts Alicia A.G. Limtiaco noted an increase in the number of individuals tricked by different types of scams

Limtiaco said these scams range from soliciting donations for certain organizations and causes to grants and funding awards for professional services.

She said there has been an increase in the number of complaints they receive from business ventures that became victims of these scams.

Limtiaco noted that public awareness campaign as well as working with various financial institutions can help provide resources and the right agencies to be contacted by the community to prevent them from falling for these scams.

She said there should also be trainings for customers of financial institutions to caution them and ensure that their dealings are not scams. "We do continue that form of outreach," added Limtiaco. ***(Clarissa David)***

# Last art demo today at Pacifica exhibit

Today is the last chance for the community to watch local artists demonstrate their craft at the Cultural Heritage & Arts Pacifica Exhibit at the Lobby Function Room of Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan.

Arts coordinator Parker Yobei said some of the 23 participating artists have held art demonstrations at the exhibit every Saturday. They include Melchy Billy and Lucy Sablan who demonstrated bead making, Mariana Ebelani who did a lava-lava presentation, and Ernie David who showed his art of leaf painting.

Yobei, who mans the art exhibit that's open from 10am to 7pm from Monday to Saturday, noted that most of their visitors are tourists.

"We're inviting the public, especially high school art class students, to come in and take a look at the works of our artists before the exhibit closes," Yobei said.

The exhibit will be open to the public until Sept. 30. ***(Clarissa David)***


**The U.S. Military Services INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) EIS/OEIS**

The U.S. Navy is in the early stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to evaluate potential environmental effects associated with maintaining military readiness training and research, development, testing and evaluation activities ("training and testing activities") in the MITT Study Area. Community input is requested on the scope, environmental resources and local issues to address in the EIS/OEIS.

**The military services request your input!**

You can participate in a variety of ways:
- Visit **www.mitt-eis.com** to learn more, submit comments and link to resources about military training and testing activities.
- Mail written comments to the address below.
- Attend an open house scoping meeting and submit oral or written comments.

**Let the services know what environmental factors should be considered in the preparation of the EIS/OEIS.**

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

The Proposed Action is to conduct military readiness training and testing activities within the MITT Study Area. The MITT Study Area includes air, land and sea space in the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC), additional areas on the high seas and a transit corridor where military training and testing activities may occur. The Proposed Action would support training and testing activities associated with new systems and force structure changes within the MITT Study Area to ensure critical military requirements are met. The EIS/OEIS will support applicable environmental reauthorizations, consultations and other associated environmental requirements for those training and testing activities. The MITT EIS/OEIS is the reevaluation and reauthorization of training and testing activities reviewed in the MIRC EIS/OEIS, which the Navy completed with community input in 2010.

**SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific
Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134

Submit comments online at **www.mitt-eis.com**.

**Comments must be postmarked or received online by Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.**

***PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS***

**Open House: 5 to 8 p.m.**

**Guam:**
**Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011**
University of Guam
Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building,
Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose
Room 129
Mangilao, Guam 96923

**Guam:**
**Friday, Sept. 23, 2011**
Southern High School, Cafeteria
#1 Jose Perez Leon Guerrero Drive
Santa Rita, Guam 96915

**Saipan:**
**Monday, Sept. 26, 2011**
Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950

**Tinian:**
**Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011**
Tinian High School, Cafeteria
San Jose Village
Tinian, MP 96952

**Rota:**
**Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011**
Sinapalo Elementary School, Cafeteria
Sinapalo I, Songsong Village
Rota, MP 96951

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**Car Seat Recommendations for Children**

- Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.

AGE

**Birth – 12 months**

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat.
There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

**1 – 3 years**

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

**4 – 7 years**

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

**8 – 12 years**

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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**For more information please contact CNMI Department of Public Safety – Highway Safety Office at 664-9001/9085**

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

## Iraq, minus US troops

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Under an agreement between Iraq and the George W. Bush administration, virtually all U.S. troops are to be out of that country by the end of the year. But the Obama administration, and apparently the Iraqi government, favor maintaining a residual force. To which our response is: "Yes … but."

After this country's long slog through a bloody and unnecessary war, one that has cost 4,474 American lives, the idea of prolonging any U.S. presence is extremely unappealing. But if the military deems this absolutely essential, then so long as the force were kept small—5,000 or so—it might be acceptable as a way of shoring up Iraqi security forces and continuing training operations.

A larger force, though, would violate the spirit as well as the letter of the so-called Status of Forces Agreement signed by Iraq and the Bush administration. Some in the military have suggested a residual force as large as 18,000—almost half of the 44,500 troops now in the country. If such a large force is necessary to secure gains in Iraq—and there have been some—it's hard to see any end to U.S. military involvement.

Supporters of a larger force argue that it is vital to the achievement of virtually every American objective in Iraq. For example, the Washington Post cites containing al-Qaida, tamping down sectarian conflict, intercepting weapons from Iran and maintaining peace between Iraqi Kurdistan and the rest of the country. These are weighty goals, but at some point Iraq must make good on the call by the Bush administration to "step up" and take charge of its own destiny. That point is the end of this year.

The United States assumed a responsibility for Iraq when it invaded the country in 2003 and then squandered time and resources with an inept occupation. But eight years later Iraq has an elected government, however precarious its hold on power, and the security situation has improved significantly (despite a recent increase in attacks). The situation in any case is no worse than the signers of the Status of Forces Agreement would have predicted. President Obama doesn't have to take the agreement with the Iraqis literally, but he should take it seriously. That means a small residual force.

## Finally, freedom for American hikers

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The hikers are free. Finally.

After more than two years in captivity, Americans Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal have been released from Iran's notorious Evin prison.

Let their journey back to the United States and their long-suffering families be a safe one, and their homecoming joyous.

The two men, and a third American, Sarah Shourd, were arrested on July 31, 2009, during a vacation along a poorly marked area on the border between Iraqi Kurdistan and Iran.

Iranians accused the trio of crossing the border illegally and spying. Last month, the two men were convicted and sentenced to eight years. Shourd was released last year on humanitarian grounds, after $500,000 bail—ransom, really—was posted.

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DOES IT BOTHER YOU THAT ONE PERSON WIELDS SO MUCH POWER OVER OUR LIVES?
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## US politics join Mideast fray

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"Peace is hard," said President Obama, at the United Nations, in what seemed like a cri de coeur. "Remember, peace is hard," he repeated again.

That phrase was an epitaph for his failure to renew negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, or to prevent the latter from seeking a U.N. vote on independence.

The speech Wednesday was also a sad comedown for a president who pledged two years ago in Cairo to revamp America's relationship with the Arab world and promote peace among Israel and its neighbors. It offered no new framework and no new ideas or formulas.

But it did make one thing clear: Bitter domestic politics will doom any further U.S. efforts to revive serious peace talks—at great cost to Israel and America's interests in the Middle East.

"I know that many are frustrated by the lack of progress (in talks)," the president said. "So am I." Yet Obama persisted in recent weeks in a fruitless effort to dissuade the Palestinians from submitting their U.N. resolution. It would have been far more effective to try to shape the resolution's language in a way that could renew talks.

Political hysteria over the resolution ruled out such an approach, even though prominent Israeli security experts endorsed it. The Reut Institute, a nonpartisan Israeli policy group that advises government ministers, issued a paper calling a possible declaration of Palestinian statehood "An Unparalled Political Opportunity"—one that Israel should seize.

The institute argued that such a resolution could "anchor the principle of 'two-states-for-two-peoples'" pending new talks. This speaks to Israel's concerns that it be recognized by the Palestinians as the home of the Jewish people.

But any rational consideration of the resolution by U.S. politicians became impossible in this election season. Emboldened by a special-election victory in a heavily Jewish congressional district in New York, Republican candidates want to paint Obama as anti-Israel and peel off normally Democratic Jewish voters. They also want to appeal to Israel's evangelical supporters here.

Thus Republican presidential wannabe Rick Perry thundered—in New York on Tuesday—that Obama's stance toward Israel was "naive, arrogant, misguided, and dangerous." Misguided? That description fits Perry's views to a tee.

The Texas governor proclaimed Israel should have complete control over Jerusalem and the right to keep building Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Never mind that settlements chop the West Bank into cantons and rule out any viable Palestinian state. Never mind that peace talks have been premised on Jerusalem as the undivided capital of two states, one Jewish, one Palestinian.

Perry's positions, and similar tacks by other candidates, preclude any future peace talks. Yet who cares about on-the-ground realities in election season? Not Perry, not other Republicans, nor many Democrats, including, in this case, Obama.

Domestic pressures rule the peace process moot.

Of course, Obama has made mistakes in handling the Palestinian question. He should have visited Israel early in his presidency. He could have picked better staffers to work on the issue.

But it's bizarre to watch Republicans attack the president for dissing Israel when he's repeatedly pledged an unshakable commitment to Israel's security. He clearly means this.

Moreover, his call for peace talks based on 1967 lines with agreed territorial swaps echoed a formula endorsed by previous Israeli prime ministers. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rejection of this formula, and of advances made by previous negotiators, helped derail the talks.

Pro-Israel politicians rightly point to Hamas, the extremist Palestinian group that now controls Gaza and directs rockets at Israel. They ask how peace is possible with a group that doesn't recognize Israel. But history has shown that Hamas was weakest when the peace process was strongest. The best way to undercut Hamas is to strengthen the Palestinian leaders on the West Bank who do recognize Israel—by renewing talks.

Indeed, those politicians who block talks are effectively helping those who would harm Israel. In the midst of a regionwide Arab Awakening, an end to peace talks guarantees that Egypt and Jordan will face more public pressure to downgrade relations with the Jewish state.

Moreover, U.S. opposition to the U.N. resolution will undercut its influence in the region and its ability to mediate on the peace issue. If Obama vetoes a Security Council resolution for Palestinian statehood, widespread Arab hostility toward America will deepen. (Had the United States taken a more constructive approach to the U.N. resolution, it might have avoided a Security Council showdown.)

Congress is now threatening to cut off U.S. funds to the governing Palestinian Authority, without even realizing that this will hurt Israel. Much of this money goes to train West Bank security forces that help Israel battle Hamas. If the Palestinian Authority collapses from lack of funds, Israel will have to resume responsibility for administering the West Bank.

Those U.S. politicians who care about Israel might do more good if they actually studied the issue. Otherwise, their embrace may harm Israel more than it helps.

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# Obama looking better against 'alternative'

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One of the most persistent political maxims is that a presidential re-election campaign is a referendum on the incumbent.

That doesn't augur well for President Barack Obama—at least not based on recent trends and polls. His job approval is hovering 10 points below the traditional 50 percent dividing line between security and trouble, the jobless rate remains stuck around 9 percent, and Democrats everywhere seem on the defensive, if not in outright panic, after their latest special-election loss.

But consider this contrary maxim that Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, who chairs the Democratic Governors Association, recently tried out on reporters: "He's not running against the Almighty, he's running against an alternative."

Whether Democrats actually feel that optimistic—or are just hoping for the best—O'Malley's remark characterizes how many of them see Obama's 2012 prospects.

The idea of this all being about "choice" encourages Democrats as they watch Republican contenders try to outdo one another in appealing to their party's conservative wing.

The White House is calculating that, when voters see the differences between where Obama wants to take the country and where Republicans would go, the president will come out ahead at the ballot box. Just as polls last summer showed Americans favored the president's balanced approach to budget-cutting, recent ones show they support the job creation program he proposed two weeks ago.

A Gallup poll last week showed Americans, by a 3-to-2 margin, want their congressional representatives to vote for Obama's plan; independents backed it by a similar margin. Though other surveys conveyed skepticism about whether Obama's proposal will pass, Republican Sen. James DeMint of South Carolina suggested Obama might win—politically—without passage.

"If we vote for this plan, we'll own the economy with the president and he desperately needs someone else to blame it on," DeMint said. "If we vote against it, he's going to try to say Congress blocked his ability to create jobs."

This week, Obama took another step to define the potential 2012 choice and put Republicans on the political defensive with a deficit reduction plan that makes both substantive and political sense. Polls show most Americans support two of its most significant premises: spending cuts and tax increases are both necessary, and wealthy Americans must pay higher taxes to make the system fair.

In addition, GOP leaders may be playing into Obama's hands by branding proposals that even most Republicans support as "class warfare," which simply accentuates the differences between the parties and places the GOP firmly on the less popular side. While the disputes about job creation and debt reduction are ostensibly between Obama and GOP lawmakers, the party's leading presidential candidates all share the congressional Republican position.

In assessing how this might play out next year, consider some parallels between Obama's situation and the one President Jimmy Carter faced in 1980. Like Carter, Obama faces an angry electorate at a time of economic uncertainty. His poll numbers are less than ideal, and even many supporters concede his presidency has failed to meet expectations. Throughout 1980, reporters found many disillusioned voters who were abandoning Carter—and hardly anyone switching to the embattled president.

But polls didn't reflect the anecdotal evidence and showed Carter holding his own or even slightly ahead until late in the campaign. Only after their only scheduled television debate did Republican challenger Ronald Reagan convince Americans that he'd be an acceptable alternative to the incumbent. He won comfortably.

Obama has some advantages over Carter; for example, he almost certainly won't face a crippling primary fight like the one Carter waged with Sen. Edward Kennedy. Just as important, polls show voters still like Obama.

Those polls may well offer legitimate hope that accentuating the differences between his policies and those of the Republicans will create a choice in which he is the more acceptable alternative.

# Building an education nation

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Think of American education as a house of many rooms, each with a distinct function but taken as a whole, this house is shelter against the winds of change buffeting the world and threatening our future.

Any objective analysis of that shelter comes to the same conclusion: we have work to do to be sure we're secure and able to hold our own against whatever this new global climate sends our way.

That's the unsettling news. The good news? Work is under way, from the most remote school districts in rural America, to the inner city of our largest urban areas.

Standards and expectations are being raised and tested; new teaching techniques are being systematically measured and implemented; new kinds of schools are being constructed and politicians from the White House to the village green are being held accountable for their commitment to education.

For too long in our country, education was a one-size-fits-all model and the place of education in the public arena was more symbolic than real. Candidates regularly proclaimed, "I am running on a platform of pro-education. I'll be the best friend the schools ever had." Campaign intentions quickly gave way to the same old, same old.

Then, two dramatic developments set off alarms everywhere. Colleges and companies began to complain that too many high school graduates, not drop outs but graduates, were arriving on their doorstep functionally illiterate and unable to do the simplest form of math.

The other development? Our Asian competitors were racing to the top not only of the economic ladder but also the education ladder. They were making massive investments in education, unencumbered by outmoded structures, political food fights and "I give up" mentality.

Two examples: China requires all junior high students to take courses in biology, chemistry and physics, rightly figuring that science will be the coin of the 21st century. In America, only 18 percent of senior high school students take those courses.

As long ago as 1996 I was working in Seoul, South Korea, anchoring "Nightly News" before dawn because of the time difference. I was on a roof-top overlooking a junior high courtyard. At first light every morning the yard was filled with students reading by flashlight, waiting for the doors to open in another hour.

I could not imagine a similar scene in my country.

Recently President Obama asked the president of South Korea what the issues were with education that he had to confront and the South Korean leader replied, "Parents demanding more classroom time for their children." That is not to say there isn't impressive work underway in the public schools of America.

Innovative administrators and teachers have designed imaginative curricula and motivational techniques to keep students in the classrooms, and engaged in learning, often with little help from the outside.

Yes, there have been problems with the structure and constraints of teachers' unions but those are now on the table and being negotiated. The battle is not over, but at least it has been joined.

Wendy Kopp's innovative idea, Teach For America, is attracting a new generation of energetic and bright young men and women to the profession.

Entrepreneurs and captains of industry such as Bill Gates and Warren Buffet, home building tycoon Eli Broad, hedge fund billionaires in New York's Robin Hood Foundation, have put education reform and excellence at the top of their personal and financial agenda.

NBC News has established an ongoing project called Education Nation to keep the issue before the American public. Other journalistic organizations have devoted special coverage to the subject on a regular basis.

This is a crusade in which we can all take part. Members of my generation, who owe so much to this country, should be a ready army of volunteer tutors and teacher aides in their communities.

Education used to be about Reading, Riting and Rithmetic. No more. Now it is about Recognition of the problem, Reform of the institution and Resolve to do what it takes to place American students of every socio-economic class in the top tier of their peers everywhere.

# States' attacks on poor wrongheaded

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Our state and federal governments should be boosting programs to help the poor, not cutting back on them.

The ranks of the poor have now grown to record levels. According to the recent Census Bureau figures, 46 million Americans are living below the poverty line.

That line is $22,314 for a family of four, and $11,139 for a single individual. Amazingly, 20 million Americans are living at 50 percent below that already low poverty line, the Census Bureau found. And 22 percent of the children in our country are in poverty.

At this very difficult time, when the safety net built over generations should be assisting families who are down and out, it is being attacked and diminished, and the poor are the big losers.

Take Michigan. Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed a law that ends cash benefits to potentially 41,000 Michigan residents by capping benefits at four years. Approximately 30,000 of those losing the assistance will be children, according to the Michigan League of Human Services.

At 10.9 percent, Michigan has the third highest unemployment rate in the nation. The economy in the state is stagnant; jobs are not being created by the private sector despite a massive corporate tax cut from Snyder, and prospects for an economic recovery are currently dim. Snyder's decision to slash the safety net now is heartless and unnecessary.

But Snyder is not alone.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Arizona, California, New Mexico, South Carolina, New Mexico and the District of Columbia all have reduced cash assistance. These reductions will adversely affect 1.3 million children.

Another state on attack against the poor is Florida. Gov. Rick Scott signed into a law a requirement that those applying for and receiving welfare must be drug tested. Scott called the program the "right thing for taxpayers." Scott's move is an attack on the poor disguised as accountability.

Since the law went into effect, only 2 percent of applicants have tested positive for illegal drugs, the Tampa Tribune reports. This completely destroys a basic assumption by Scott and those who support this approach: that poor people are abusing drugs at high rates. They actually seem to be using it less than Floridians in general. "A 2008 study by the Office of National Drug Control Policy also showed that 8.13 percent of Floridians age 12 and up use illegal drugs," the Tampa Tribune reports.

If Florida drug tested everyone who benefits from government programs, there would be a huge outcry. Imagine having to take a drug test just to get deductions on your tax returns. Such an intrusion would never stand. But the poor make an easy target.

In 1989, a federal appeals court ruled that a similar blanket drug-testing program proposed in Michigan was unconstitutional.

But that hasn't stopped Scott. And it's not stopping Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina, who recently suggested drug testing for anyone applying for unemployment benefits.

These harsh policies should end. The poor deserve our support and compassion—not our scorn.

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A similar amount was required for both Bauer and Fattal. The money came from Oman, which facilitated all three releases. Officials there deserve our nation's thanks.

But hold the applause for the thugs who run Iran, one of the world's leading sponsors of terrorism, and especially their preening joke of a president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. He had hoped to have the hostages freed this week in time for a victory lap around the U.N. General Assembly.

Instead, let the United Nations and its members open this week's session by condemning in the strongest possible terms the hostage-taking regularly practiced by this ruthless regime.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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## Micronesia

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| Yap | Rain | ▲83 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Rain | ▲82 | ▼76 |
| Pohnpei | Rain | ▲85 | ▼75 |
| Kosrae | Rain | ▲86 | ▼78 |
| Majuro | Rain | ▲82 | ▼78 |

## Around The Globe

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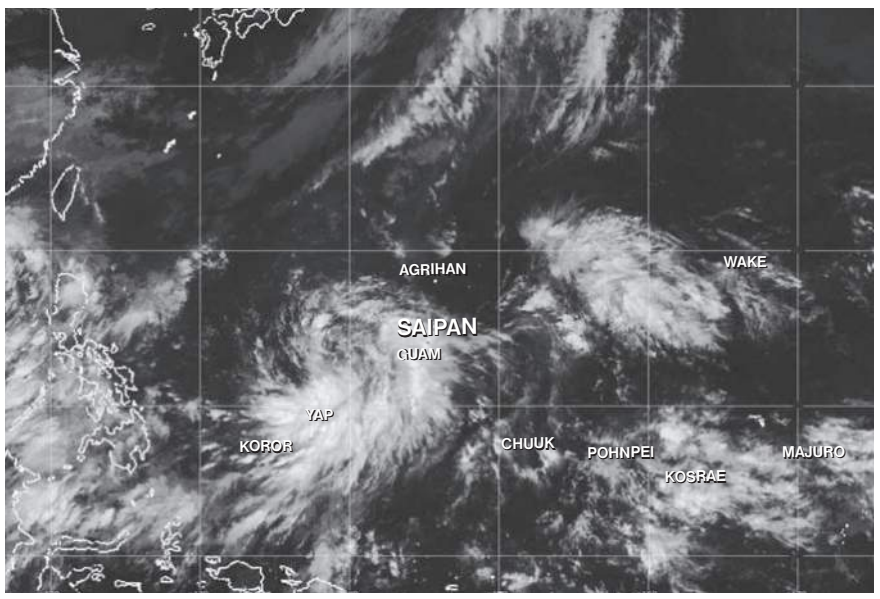
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲85 | ▼79 |
| Honolulu | Sunny | ▲87 | ▼73 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼56 |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | ▲75 | ▼60 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Melbourne | Partly Cloudy | ▲67 | ▼43 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲87 | ▼78 |
| New York | Showers | ▲72 | ▼68 |
| Osaka | Mostly Sunny | ▲81 | ▼65 |
| Paris | Mostly Sunny | ▲76 | ▼55 |
| Pusan | Partly Cloudy | ▲76 | ▼66 |
| Rome | Thundershowers | ▲80 | ▼62 |
| Salem | Partly Cloudy | ▲83 | ▼60 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲69 | ▼58 |
| Seoul | Mostly Sunny | ▲76 | ▼55 |
| Tokyo | Thundershowers | ▲77 | ▼66 |
| Washington, DC | Showers | ▲76 | ▼70 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A large circulation is centered about 250 miles north of Yap near 13N139E. Widespread cloudiness, showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over the large area bounded by 11N134E to 16N142E to 15N146E to 10N146E to 1N132E back to 11N134E including Koror, Yap and the Marianas Islands. This circulation is the subject of a tropical cyclone formation alert from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center and will likely become a tropical depression in the next 12 to 24 hours. A cold front extends southwestward through 25N141E to beyond 130E at 20N. Bands of scattered showers are found along and up to 250 miles northwest of this front. Upper-level divergence south of a complex upper-level trough is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from just south of Minami Tori Shima to west of Wake Island between 15N and 22N from 152E to 164E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across much of eastern Micronesia between 2N and 8N from 160E to 180 including Kosrae and Majuro but just south of Kwajalein.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3:48 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.7 Feet |
| 10:52 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.0 Feet |
| 5:42 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 11:33 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.9 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:06 AM | 6:12 PM |
| Sunday | 6:06 AM | 6:11 PM |
| Monday | 6:06 AM | 6:11 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:06 AM | 6:10 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:06 AM | 6:09 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 2:32 AM | 3:27 PM |
| Sunday | 3:30 AM | 4:13 PM |
| Monday | 4:29 AM | 5:00 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:29 AM | 5:47 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:31 AM | 6:35 PM |

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

### DEPARTURES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)** | | | |
| C09314 | 2:20am | 2:50am | 1, 5 |
| **SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)** | | | |
| C09315 | 4:25am | 5:00am | 1, 5 |
| **SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)** | | | |
| C09317 | 4:25am | 5:15am | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| C09315 | 4:25am | 6:00am | 1, 5 via ROP |
| C09313 | 7:55am | 8:45am | 3, 6 |
| C09313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09601 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09603 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| 5K386 | 5:50pm | 6:40pm | 4, 7 |
| C09605 | 6:35pm | 7:25pm | Daily |
| C09599 | 9:35pm | 10:25pm | Daily |
| 5K382 | 10:40pm | 11:30pm | 1, 5 |
| **SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)** | | | |
| 5K212 | 8:20am | 10:55am | 3, 4, 7 |
| **SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)** | | | |
| 0Z119 | 4:00am | 6:40am | Daily |
| **SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)** | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:15pm | Daily |
| **SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)** | | | |
| 0Z606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| 0Z606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 0Z119 | 4:00am | 11:25am | Daily via KIX |
| 0Z604 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| **SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)** | | | |
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |
| **SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)** | | | |
| 3U8648 | 6:05am | 8:30am | 1, 5 |
| **SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)** | | | |
| 0Z606/701 | 2:20am | 11:15am | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/701 | 2:50am | 11:15am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09317/191 | 4:25am | 9:45am | 3, 6 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 9:55pm | Daily via NRT |
| C09313/183 | 7:55am | 8:40pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| C09603/183 | 3:05pm | 8:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM |
| C09603/193 | 3:05pm | 10:10pm | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| C09599/PR111 | 9:30pm | 7:50am | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| **SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)** | | | |
| 0Z606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| 5K168 | 9:45am | 12:55pm | 1, 5 |
| C09603/179 | 3:05pm | 9:25pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)** | | | |
| C09315 | 5:30am | 6:00am | 1, 5 |
| **ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)** | | | |
| C09314 | 3:20am | 3:55am | 1, 5 |
| **GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| C09314 | 2:20am | 3:55am | 1, 5 via ROP |
| C09316 | 2:45am | 3:35am | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| 5K387 | 6:30am | 7:20am | 3, 7 |
| C09596 | 6:35am | 7:25am | 3, 6 |
| C09596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| 5K389 | 8:10am | 9:00am | 1, 5 |
| C09600 | 10:05am | 10:55am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09602 | 1:40pm | 2:30pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09604 | 5:10pm | 6:00pm | Daily |
| C09606 | 8:10pm | 9:00pm | Daily |
| **NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 5K213 | 11:55am | 4:25pm | 3, 4, 7 |
| **OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 0Z120 | 9:50pm | 2:20am+1 | Daily |
| **NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:05pm | 12:45am+1 | Daily |
| **SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 0Z603 | 9:00am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| 0Z120 | 7:10pm | 2:20am+1 | Daily via KIX |
| 0Z605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| 0Z605 | 8:10pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| **GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |
| **SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 4, 7 |
| **MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 0Z704/603 | 12:10am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| DL172/288 | 7:45am | 12:45am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| C0190/9606 | 10:55am | 9:00pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| 0Z702/605 | 12:45pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| 0Z702/605 | 12:45pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| C0192/9596 | 9:55pm | 7:25am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| PR110/C09596 | 10:00pm | 7:25am+1 | 5 via GUM |
| PR110/C09596 | 10:00pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| C0184/9596 | 10:55pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| C0184/9596 | 11:25pm | 7:50am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| **HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN** | | | |
| 0Z724/603 | 12:30am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| 0Z722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| 0Z722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| 5K169 | 2:20pm | 9:25pm | 1, 5 |
| C0180/9596 | 10:30pm | 7:25am+1 | 5 via GUM |
| C0180/9596 | 10:30pm | 7:50am+1 | 1 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

# SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

## CATHOLIC

**Mt. Carmel Cathedral**
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

**Korean Center**
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

**Kristo Rai Parish**
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

**Santa Soledad Mission Parish**
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

**Saint Jude Parish**
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

**San Antonio Parish**
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

**San Francisco de Borja-Rota**
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

**San Isidro-Rota**
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

**San Jose (Oleai) Parish**
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

**San Roque Parish**
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

**San Vicente Parish**
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

**Santa Remedios**
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

## PROTESTANT

**Amen Church**
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

**Born Again Christian**
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

**Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan**
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

**Chinese Christian Church of Saipan**
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

**Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan**
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

**Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan**
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

**Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan**
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

**Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan**
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

**Immanuel United Methodist Church**
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa
(east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

**Immanuel Methodist Church**
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

**Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan**
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

**Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan**
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

**Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan**
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

**Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan**
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

**Missions Connection Ministry**
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

**Northern Marianas Christian Church**
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

**Marianas Bible Fellowship Center**
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

**Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)**
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

**Saipan Christian Church**
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

**Saipan Church of Christ**
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

**Saipan Community Church**
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan**
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

**First Baptist Church Koblerville**
Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services
Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church.
Telephone No: 285-4661/2

**Thy Word Ministries Saipan**
Faith Center
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New Christian Charismatic Church Service
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Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

**Upper Room International Ministries**
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

**Victory Chapel Christian**
Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

**Victorious Christian Church**
(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

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# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### Sept. 24, 1999

**Gov't overtime pay down 67 percent**
The Tenorio administration has pared down overtime pay for government personnel by some 67 percent over the past two years that translated to savings of more than $8 million. In a report released yesterday as part of a series of analysis on public spending, the Department of Finance said departments and agencies forced between 33 percent to 100 percent reduction in overtime costs in line with the austerity measures. Finance officials used the last year of the previous administration to compare current expenditures, based on the review drawn up in the transition prior to the installation into office of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio in January 1998.

**Manglona's indictment shocks Tinian**
TINIAN—Officials here have expressed sympathy for Sen. Herman Manglona who resigned from his post after pleading guilty to charges of bribe-taking, mail fraud and jury tampering. "We are saddened by what has happened to him but every person must be responsible for his action and he has accepted that," said Mayor Francisco Borja. He expressed hope that some leniency would at least be given to Manglona, who pled guilty to bribery charges. Reports of Manglona's admission shocked local residents of this tiny island-municipality, where he served as mayor for four years.

### Sept. 24, 2001

**PSS told to fix fiscal house**
"Fix your internal affairs first, then come and ask me for money." So said Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig to officials of the Public School System, in reference to his continuing investigation on the travel expenditures of public-school officials. Atalig, chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Welfare and Programs, said he is particularly disturbed when PSS officials approach him asking for more funding. "When the PSS comes here and ask me for more money, I tell them, 'How can you convince me to give you more money when your accountability of public funds is not in place yet or is messed up?'" he said. "Convince me first. Your internal accountability of public funds should be in place and in order for me to give you more money."

**Continental Micronesia cuts 250 jobs**
Continental Airlines furloughed 250 employees from its Micronesian operations due to the sharp decline in air travel as a result of the September 11 attacks on New York and the Pentagon. The Houston-based airline company said official notices of termination will be handed down this week to about 12,000 employees, including the 250 Continental Micronesia employees. Days after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon early this month, US-based carriers announced massive reduction in operations in anticipation of the slump in air travel demands.

### Sept. 24, 2002

**Babauta: Lawsuit won't solve PL 13-1 problems**
Gov. Juan N. Babauta has rejected suggestions that government personnel affected by the recent advance termination notices issued by the Office of Personnel Management bring the matter to court, saying a lawsuit would not solve the problem. Babauta stressed that the issue is a simple matter that does not necessitate a lawsuit on the part of the affected personnel. "We can just sit down, do the work, get it done and accomplish it. It's so simple. We don't need a lawsuit; that's the last thing we want to have," said Babauta. The Governor pointed out that the CNMI government has been fending off lawsuits and protests "and it's delaying things and it's delaying us and it's just so counter-productive."

**CPA's firefighting unit gets $250K**
The United States Fire Department authorized the release of $250,000 to the Commonwealth Ports Authority for the procurement of a new water tanker. The new equipment is expected to help the emergency response capacity of the ports authority's Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Unit. Fire Chief Stanley C. Torres Jr. said the U.S. Fire Department, which is under the Federal Emergency Management Agency, issued the grant to the CPA-ARFF, along with 5,000 other applicants across the United States. Torres explained that the funding assistance will finance the purchase of a tanker that has a capacity to hold 3,000 gallons of water. The equipment, he said, would improve the ARFF's emergency preparedness program.

# Maharlika

# CW session at PH consulate draws 200-plus audience

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REPORTER

The outreach session of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services hosted by the Philippine Consulate General on Tuesday night discussed key points in the recently released final rule involving the Commonwealth-only transitional workers in the CNMI.

The one-and-a-half-hour session, held at the Filipino Workers Resource Center and beamed to a large TV on the lobby of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe, was attended by over 200 members of the Filipino community.

USCIS district director David Gulick led the eight-member team that discussed the final rule using a Powerpoint presentation. Gulick, with the help of the rest of the team, answered some of the queries asked by Filipinos during the question-and-answer session at the end of the presentation.

Gulick discussed, among other things, the need for Filipino workers to be applied for a CW status by their employers before Nov. 27 to allow them to stay legally in the CNMI and the fees that the employee and/or employer should pay.

He said a CW status does not allow a person to travel anywhere in the U.S. It does, however, allow Filipino workers to transit through Guam when traveling to the Philippines.

Once the petition is filed, an employee can continue working for the employer until USCIS approves or denies the petition, said Gulick.

"If we deny the petition, then you will be expected to depart the CNMI," said Gulick, noting that the denial notice will be sent to the employer.

Gulick emphasized that the employer needs to attest that no U.S. worker—U.S. citizens and citizens of the Freely Associated States (Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and Marshall Islands)—qualified for the position before the petition is filed.

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The Filipino Workers Resource Center at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe is filled with Filipinos eager to hear from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick's presentation during the outreach session sponsored by the Philippine Consulate General on Tuesday evening. Inset, Gulick gestures as he addresses the Filipino community during the outreach session.

Also, an employee can only be petitioned for a CW status if the employee is not qualified for any other status under the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act.

Gulick also reminded session attendees that the USCIS is authorized to grant a two-year parole status to eligible foreign nationals that are members of four different groups impacted by the federalization law. They are CNMI permanent residents, their immediate relatives, and the immediate relatives of FAS citizens.

He said workers with CW status can petition for their spouse and children below 18 years old as their dependents.

Gulick also said that an employer can request, under special circumstances, for a waiver for petition and biometric fees but not the educational fee. The employer is required to pay the petition and education fees while the employee may pay the biometrics fee.

## Q&A

The Q&A part of the session saw Filipinos asking mostly about their personal circumstances as well as case-by-case situations.

The first question was whether an H1 petition and a CW petition can be applied at the same time for an employee, to which Gulick replied that an employer can only apply for one petition depending on the job description and the employee's qualifications.

Gulick noted that workers with ongoing court cases without any legal status in the CNMI will have to leave the islands "unless their presence is physically required in court," adding that the USCIS will assist in getting them back to the Commonwealth should the court call for it.

He also said that there are no income bracket requirements for any legitimate business that wants to employ house workers to allow them to stay on island.

Should an application be denied and an employer decides to appeal it, Gulick said the affected employee cannot stay on island while the appeal is being processed "unless they have a status."

As for who will pay for the repatriation of an employee, Gulick said an employer does not have the responsibility to shoulder that expense under the U.S. immigration law but noted that it will also depend on any contract signed by the employer and employee.

"It's good that the information already came directly from the authoritative source," Consul General Medardo Macaraig told *Saipan Tribune*. "Filipinos in the CNMI can now plan based on that."

Macaraig added that digital copies of the outreach session will be distributed to the Filipino communities on Tinian and Rota and can be played at the Consulate upon request.

United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte said the session clarified some of the questions of many Filipino workers. "It would greatly help Filipinos on what to do next," he added.

Malasarte said they will convene members of the UFO, the umbrella organization of some 30 Filipino groups in the CNMI, to gather questions that will be endorsed to the Consulate in hopes that it might still be answered by the USCIS.

Labor representative Carmelina Velasquez thought that Gulick had too limited a time to answer questions during the Q&A portion of the session. "I just wished that more time was spent answering questions than discussing the information already available on their materials and website," she said.

According to Velasquez, the session still raised uncertainties even among professionals employed by large establishments and companies.

"Let's just hope and pray that there will be consideration on a case-by-case basis since the final rule is already out," she added.

# 119 avail of mobile consular services on Tinian

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Turnout for the mobile consular services conducted on Tinian was "not significant," according to Consul General Medardo Macaraig.

Macaraig led the team that carried out the mobile consular services on Sept. 16 and 17 at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. He was joined by labor representative Carmelina Velasquez, welfare officer Julia Fabian, staffers Nerisa Anastacio, Antonio David, and Rowena Tolosa.

Of the 119 who availed of the mobile consular services, 62 were for passport processing while the rest were for membership with Overseas Workers Welfare Administration membership and other services, Macaraig said.

"Filipinos also discussed several issues with Consulate officials, including the recent release of the regulations for transitional workers and the programs of the Consulate for the Filipino community," said Macaraig.

He told *Saipan Tribune* that copies of the Consulate-sponsored outreach session with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services last Sept. 20 will be provided to the Filipino communities on Rota and Tinian.

The Consul General acknowledged the staff and management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, led by general manager Tom Liu, and other Filipino volunteers who welcomed and helped the Consular team during their visit.

These volunteers included Francisca Esguerra, who provided assistance during the information campaign and the actual conduct of services, and Fr. Sid Ogumoro who informed San Jose Church parishioners about the schedule of mobile consular services.

"The Consulate expresses its appreciation for the continued support of these individuals in its efforts to bring services closer to Filipinos in Tinian," said Macaraig.

The Consulate is scheduled to conduct the same mobile consular services at the Northern Marianas College Rota campus on Oct. 1 and 2.

# Consulate sets skills training for final quarter

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REPORTER

The Philippine Consulate General through the Philippine Overseas Labor Office has announced a new schedule of skills upgrading and livelihood courses for the last quarter of 2011.

The Basic Computer Operations 1 – Batch 54 will be offered on six Sundays from Oct. 16 to Nov. 20, from 1pm to 5pm. Zaldy P. Quebral and Marilyn D. Quebral will serve as course instructors.

Classes for the Fruit and Vegetable Carving class – Batch 3 under instructor Eduardo M. Elenzano will be held on four Saturdays from Oct. 1 to 22, from 8:30am to 11:30am.

The Domestic Refrigeration and Aircon Mechanic – Batch 2 to be conducted by James R. Abuy is scheduled on three Saturdays, from 9am to 5pm on Nov. 5 and 12 and from 9am to noon on Nov. 19.

All three courses will have a Business Management Seminar component to be handled by Ignacio D. Bañadera, Jr.

Filipinos interested to avail any of the courses need to present an umbrella permit, passport, and one ID picture. Slots are on a first-come-first-served basis.

For more information, visit POLO at the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza or call 235-3411 or 6992.

# Medical mission at Pentecostal Missionary Church

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The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch will hold a medical mission on Sunday from 4pm to 7pm at their church location in San Jose.

"This is in preparation for our upcoming anniversary celebration," church spokesperson Ronnie Doca said.

Doca noted that this is the first time that they will hold the medical mission at their church after bringing the event to seven different villages on island.

"We're expecting a lot of people to avail of our medical mission because we usually get a good turnout when we conduct it in our church," Doca told *Saipan Tribune*.

Doca said they will offer the usual services, which include eye check up by Marianas Eye Institute volunteers; blood sugar and blood pressure screening by the Northern Marianas College Nursing Club; and reflexology, facial massage, haircut, and counseling by Tropical Blend Salon and church volunteers.

He added that they will be giving lots of giveaways courtesy of this medical mission's sponsors: Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic, Transamerica, Tan Holdings, and Kevin's Department Store.

"We would like to thank our generous sponsors for their donated items and all the volunteers who make our medical mission possible," said Doca.

For more information, call Pastor Claire Javillonar at 235-1656 or text 789-7566.

# Philippines one of the best place for women—Newsweek

By AUREA CALICA
THE PHILIPPINE STAR

**MANILA, Philippines**—Malacañang is grateful for a *Newsweek* article ranking the Philippines 17th out of 165 countries as the best place for women.

Presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said the Palace was "heartened" to read a recently published *Newsweek* article titled "The Best and Worst Places for Women," citing the Philippines as the top country in Asia "that offers women the most expansive rights and the best quality of life."

"Of the 165 countries, the Philippines ranked 17th, and is the only Asian country to be included in the top 20. Garnering an overall score of 86.3 out of 100, our country scored highest in the areas of education (92.2), economics (89.1), and justice (88.4)," Lacierda said.

"This is an affirmation of the respect our culture has always accorded Filipino women—one that manifests itself as well in our government's efforts to promote equal gender opportunities in all spheres of public policies and programs," he said.

"Rest assured, our administration remains committed in advancing the quality of life of all Filipinos from all walks of life."

The Top 20 countries for women, according to the article, are Iceland, Sweden, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, Norway, United States, Australia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, France, Luxemburg, Portugal, Macedonia, Moldova, Philippines, Belgium, United Kingdom, and Romania.

# Filipino maids flee Gadhafi's kin, safe in Tunisia

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Two Filipino maids employed by ousted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's relative fled the household and were evacuated by their embassy in Tripoli, the Philippine government said.

Philippine Ambassador Alejandrino Vicente said the maids escaped the residence Monday morning and were met by an embassy team waiting for them in two cars. They did not bring any belongings with them and were immediately brought across the border to Tunisia.

Foreign Affairs spokesman Raul Hernandez said Vicente told him that two other maids working for another of Gadhafi's relatives did not fear for their safety and chose to stay in Libya. Neither relative was identified.

He said he did not have details on the two maids who escaped, identified as Diana Jill Rivera and Mary Ann Ducos. The Foreign Affairs Department reported last month it was aware of their condition and was trying to get them out but could not because of fighting. Tripoli fell to the rebels Aug. 21.

"Even before, I think there was an idea where they were. I don't want to speculate why but always the consideration is their security," Hernandez told The Associated Press.

"In August, what we said was they were in a location where at that time it was not opportune for them to leave."

He said the other two were staying within the same area but in a different household.

Hernandez said the Philippine government was pushing for the maids' evacuation in talks with the former leadership and the new opposition-led government, which Manila recognized only last month after initial reluctance because of concerns for safety of other Filipino workers still in Libya.

There have been no casualties among about 1,700 Filipinos, mostly nurses, working in Libya.

Hernandez said Rivera and Ducos were expected to be back in Manila within a week.

# K-pop's slick productions win fans across Asia

In this photo taken June 2, 2011, Christine Rodriguez, second from left, sings with friends in a "noraebang" in Korea or karaoke in their regular gathering in Manila, Philippines.

AP

By TERESA CEROJANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—How did Seoul become Asia's capital of cool?

Here in the Philippines, once an undisputed bastion of American pop and Hollywood movies, South Korean pop music, soap operas and fashion are now all the rage.

"I want the same brown, but slightly blonde color, as Sandara's hair," says 22-year-old hotel worker Kins Wu, referring to girl band singer Sandara Park as she sifts through color samples at a Manila branch of a Korean hair salon.

The phenomenon, known as "Hallyu" in Korean, took off around the start of the millennium with TV soap operas that became huge hits with Asians of all ages. Then came K-pop music, with its flashy choreographed dance moves, now imitated by teenagers from Beijing to Bangkok.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak ranks the overseas success of "K-pop" among his country's top achievements, and the government operates a "Korean Wave" index to gauge the fever for its cultural exports.

Taiwan took the top spot in 2010, nudging out Japan. China, Thailand and Vietnam are also on the list, and the state-funded Korea Foundation for International Culture Exchange says Malaysia will be added this year and the Philippines, as early as 2012.

"The Republic of Korea is making young people all around the world wild with K-pop," Lee said in an Aug. 15 speech marking Korea's liberation from Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule.

The success is not by accident. South Korea has developed an entire industry to take attractive actors and singers and turn them into larger-than-life stars, carefully managing their look and every move. The polished productions caught on elsewhere, and a few bands such as TVXQ and 2PM are now being created with overseas markets partly in mind.

The music is modeled on American and European pop, said University of the Philippines professor George Fabros, who taught in South Korea in the 1990s, but with crisper performances and flashy hair colors and fashion that appeals to Asian youth.

"They train for years before their debut, and for every album they have different concepts so you won't get bored with them," said Daren Lazaro, a 20-year-old management student in Manila.

For some, it is also easy to identify with stars and story lines from another Asian culture.

The downside may be a stifling of individual creativity, but the TV ratings, DVD sales and screaming fans at K-pop concerts show it's a formula that works.

Almost all the leading drama channels in Taiwan show at least two South Korean soap operas a day at peak evening hours, and music video programs carry the latest on the K-pop scene. For TV stations, it's cheaper to buy the Korean hits than develop their own programs—that have no guarantee of success.

"Korean entertainers have a superior body language for comic effects, while they also avoid crude language, unlike Taiwanese programs," said Vivi Ko, a 30-year-old government worker who is studying Korean.

Screaming fans pack K-pop concerts in Thailand, waving homemade, backlit support signs, and Korean stars endorse products aimed at children and youths, from candy to scooters.

In the Philippines, the themes in South Korean TV dramas of love for family, enduring romance and destiny are familiar ones.

Networks make it easier to identify with the programs by dubbing them in Tagalog and giving the characters Filipino names. When Kwon Sang-woo visited Manila some years ago, fans called him "Cholo"—his Tagalog name in the popular drama "Stairway to Heaven."

But there's also an element of the exotic—the settings in South Korea, whether brightly lit bridges along the Han River or cherry blossoms fluttering to the ground—that seems to appeal to many Filipinos' wanderlust. The writers for *Sparkling*, a glossy magazine devoted to K-pop, flew to Seoul earlier this year to map out an itinerary of "Hallyu hotspots" for Filipino tourists.

The craze has spilled over into other areas. Thai teens trying to achieve the Korean look snap up cosmetics from South Korea. Also popular are contact lenses that make one's eyes look bigger, like the cute characters in Japanese and Korean comics.

Yoo Kyung-yeon, a Korean hairstylist working in Manila, said that clients recently started requesting a hairstyle similar to actress Ha Ji-won's after her drama "Secret Garden" aired in the Philippines. Men want a haircut like that of actor Lee Min-ho, who rose to fame in the hit series "Boys Over Flowers."

Christine Rodriguez, a 24-year-old social media analyst in Manila, gets together with friends once or twice a month for "noraebang," as karaoke is called in Korean.

That they don't speak the language doesn't stop them from singing in it and mimicking the dance moves of boy band TVXQ. They often end the night at the Korean restaurant next door, where they snack on "gimbap" rice rolls and "ddeokbokki" rice cakes, popular street foods often seen on South Korean dramas.

Rodriguez belongs to a TVXQ fan club that has 1,000 members and is one of more than 40 clubs that participated in the second annual Philippine K-pop Convention last year. The event drew 5,000 people, and more than 60,000 "like" its Facebook page.

That's a leap from the 50 or so K-pop fans Rodriguez said she would meet in online chat forums and email groups in 2001.

Miki Acuna, a 21-year-old nursing graduate from Manila, has traveled to Thailand and New York to catch TVXQ concerts. She said she likes the way the singers sound, move, look and dress, and the slick packaging by their promoters.

"The youth today are looking for spunk, the new look," said Schedar Jocson, a University of the Philippines lecturer who has written a paper on K-pop's influence in his country.

"They are looking for their own niche or their own identity," he said, and both the TV shows and pop music give them something more expressive and experimental than homegrown alternatives.

# Philippines hosts first Asean Spratlys meet

By JERRY E. ESPLANADA
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

The Philippines is pushing for the setup of a "Joint Marine Peace Park" in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea), part of its fresh proposals that seek to ease tensions in the region by delineating disputed areas and replacing military forces with civilians representing the various claimant countries.

Manila's proposals came under scrutiny as it began hosting Thursday a two-day meeting of Southeast Asian maritime experts.

The gathering, the first of its kind, was an attempt by the Philippines to present a unified regional policy in confronting China's exclusive claim over all the islands in the region.

The meeting was limited to maritime and legal experts from the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations(Asean), four members of which lay claims to the sea believed to be rich in oil.

The four claimants from Asean are the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei. The other rival claimants are longtime rivals China and Taiwan.

The Philippine proposal maintained that not the entire West Philippine Sea is subject to a dispute, but only the Spratly group of islands which are sought by all six claimants, and the Paracel Islands which are being contested by China, Vietnam and Taiwan.

China refers to the strategic body of water as the South China Sea.

The proposed peace park "could be established in the joint cooperation area, or JCA, for the six Spratlys claimant-countries," according to a paper from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), a copy of which was obtained by the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

"It would be a concrete implementation of the code of conduct (for Spratlys claimants) and a beginning of a more vigorous cooperation in the West Philippine Sea," the paper said.

It noted that the code "would be specifically applied in the JCA" and "could be designed to prevent accidental military encounters through specific rules of engagement between and among the parties."

# Samu't Sari

**OUTREACH SESSION**
Filipinos sit at the lobby of the Marianas Business Plaza as they listen to the presentation of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick inside the Filipino Workers Resource Center last Tuesday.

CLARISSA DAVID

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick explains the new transitional worker rule during a session for members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

**PIPELINE PROJECT**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Representatives of the various parties involved in the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s new fuel pipeline project at the power plants were seen in discussion during their kickoff meeting Friday last week. CUC has announced that it was granted a $2.154 million grant by the U.S. Department of the Interior for this project. Smithbridge Guam Inc. was selected to handle the high-priority project, which is expected to begin work in January 2012.

**STUDENT ELECTION**
Northern Marianas College dean of Student Services Leo C. Pangelinan announces the names of certified candidates for this year's ASNMC election slated for next week. From 59 nominations received this week, five have met the eligibility requirements. From four positions up for grabs, ASNMC also opened three seats for senator students as a result of the amendments to its bylaws last spring semester. A total of 23 amendments were approved to the group's bylaws.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

**PACIFICA ARTS EXHIBIT**

CLARISSA V. DAVID

A woman examines some of the artwork displayed at the ongoing Cultural Heritage & Arts Pacifica Exhibit at the Lobby Function Room of Hyatt Regency Saipan. The monthlong exhibit has so far sold almost $2,000 worth of artwork made by local artists.

**CAREER FAIR**

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation counselor aide Fernando Romolor, right, entertains students wanting to know the agency's services and programs during the Public School System's cooperative education and training career fair held at Saipan World Resort on Wednesday. Over 120 students and 29 companies and groups participated in the first event held for this school year.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Tan Holdings representative Malou Jardinero attends to the queries of students during Wednesday's event, which aimed to equip and provide high school students with the necessary tools and knowledge in exploring various career options on island.

# Business

# Global leaders struggle to calm recession fears

## United Continental introduces its 2012 MileagePlus loyalty program

**CHICAGO**—United Continental Holdings recently announced the details of its MileagePlus loyalty program for 2012, including new benefits and services for United's and Continental's most-frequent flyers, more options for members to redeem their miles and additional recognition for customers who purchase tickets in premium cabins or at premium economy fare classes.

"With MileagePlus, we are building the world's most-rewarding loyalty program and reaching another important milestone in the merger of United and Continental," said Jeff Foland, United executive vice president and president of Mileage Plus Holdings, LLC. "We will provide a wide range of benefits to our most-loyal and most-valuable members, while offering new redemption opportunities for all of our members."

MileagePlus Premier Levels and Benefits

In 2012, MileagePlus will offer four levels of Premier member status:

- Premier Silver: 25,000 Premier qualifying miles (PQM) or 30 Premier qualifying segments (PQS)
- Premier Gold: 50,000 PQM or 60 PQS
- Premier Platinum: 75,000 PQM or 90 PQS
- Premier 1K: 100,000 PQM or 120 PQS

United will continue to offer Global Services recognition to select members by invitation.

**Premier benefits include:**

- Upgrades: United will offer an expansive suite of upgrade products, including Global Premier Upgrades, Regional Premier Upgrades and Complimentary Premier Upgrades. United is expanding Complimentary Premier Upgrades to include eligible intra-Asia flights in addition to most flights within North America. Premier members traveling on certain full-fare economy-class tickets will also be eligible for an instant upgrade when available at the time of ticketing.
- Premier Access, checked-baggage allowance and Economy Plus® seating:Premier members will have access to Premier Access airport services, a complimentary standard checked-baggage allowance and extra-legroom Economy Plus seating, among other benefits. Premier Silver members and Star Alliance Silver members will be able to check one bag weighing up to 50 pounds with no fee, and Premier Silver customers will be able to confirm Economy Plus seating at time of check-in. Premier members at all other status levels will be able to check three bags weighing up to 70 pounds with no fee, and will be able to confirm Economy Plus seating, when available, at the time of ticketing.
- Premier bonus award miles: United will offer Premier members bonus miles of up to 100 percent on paid tickets.
- Flexible award redemption: Premier-level frequent flyers may continue to book United Standard Awards, even when redeeming miles for the last available seat on the flight, a benefit United is reserving for Premiers and customers who have the United MileagePlus Explorer Card or an eligible Chase-issued OnePass credit card.
- Additional credit card benefits: Beginning in 2012, Premier members who have the United MileagePlus Explorer Card or an eligible Chase-issued OnePass credit card will also qualify for Complimentary Premier Upgrades on eligible economy-class reward tickets. ***(United Continental)***

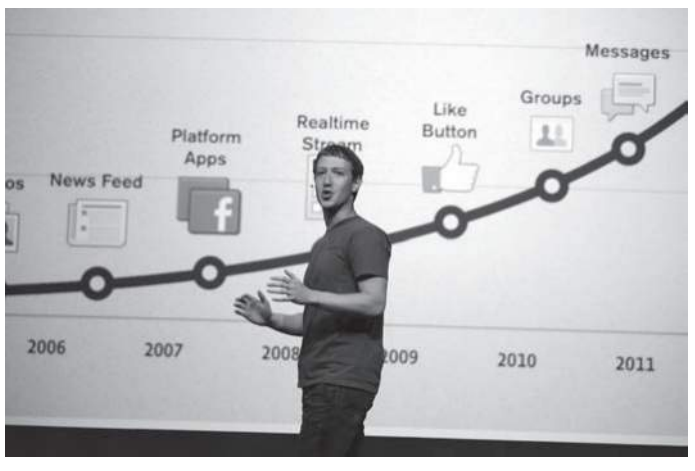
## Facebook looks to extend online reach, sharing

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Facebook is trying to evolve from an Internet hangout where people swing by to share tidbits, links and photos to a homestead decorated with the memories, dreams and diversions of its 800 million users.

In what may be the boldest step yet in the company's seven-year history, Facebook is redesigning its users' profile pages to create what CEO Mark Zuckerberg says is a "new way to express who you are."

It is betting that despite early grumblings, its vast audience will become even more attached to a website that keeps pushing the envelope. To that effect, it is introducing new ways for people to connect with friends, brands and games while also sharing details about their lives from the mundane to the intimate.

"If you look at Facebook's history, obviously they are not afraid of making change," said Sean Corcoran, an analyst with Forrester Research. "They have done a lot of big changes in the past and people have gotten upset. But most of the time Facebook has been right."

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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg talks about history of Facebook during the f/8 conference in San Francisco, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

Zuckerberg introduced the Facebook "timeline" along with new entertainment and media company partnerships on Thursday in San Francisco, at the annual "f8" conference attended by about 2,000 entrepreneurs, developers and journalists. The event was also being broadcast to, at one point, more than 100,000 online viewers.

The changes seek to transform how and how much people share things online, just as Facebook has been doing since its scrappy start as a college-only network. The overhaul also presents a new challenge for Google Inc., which has been scrambling to catch up with the launch of its own a social network, Google Plus, three months ago.

The timeline, which will eventually replace users' current profile pages, is reminiscent of an online scrapbook filled with the most important photos and text that they have shared on Facebook over the years. It's where people express their real selves and merge their online and offline lives even more than they are doing now.

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The world's major economies are pledging to take strong actions to restore financial stability and calm financial markets that plunged on Thursday over renewed fears that the global economy was headed toward a new recession.

Finance officials of the Group of 20 major economies issued a statement late Thursday saying they were committed to a strong and coordinated response to renewed challenges coming from the European debt crisis and weak economic growth in the United States and other countries.

The finance officials of traditional economic powers such as the United States, Japan and Germany and major emerging nations such as China want to demonstrate strong resolve in the hope that it will calm jitters that had sent financial markets down sharply.

"We are taking strong actions to maintain financial stability, restore confidence and support growth," the G-20 joint statement said. "We commit to take all actions to preserve the stability of banking systems and financial markets as required."

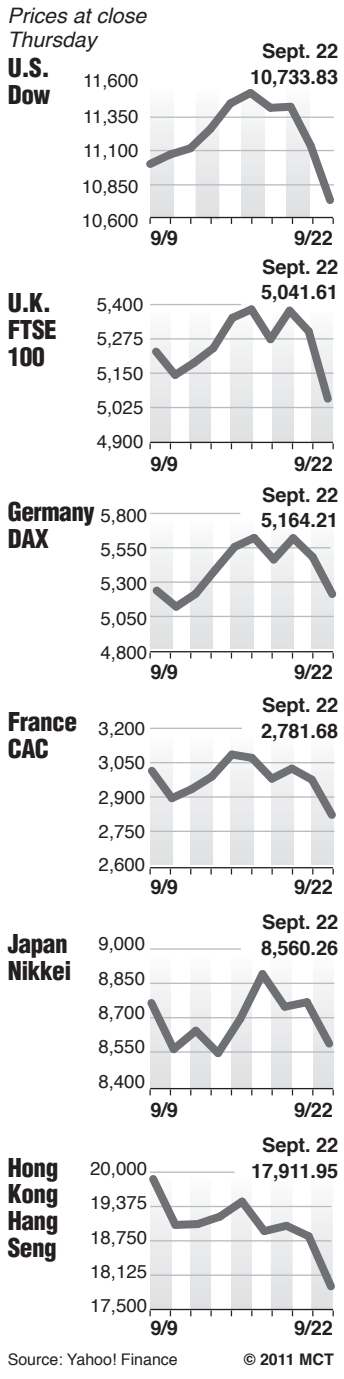
Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke represented the United States at the meeting.

The G-20 group, which includes officials from countries that represent 85 percent of the global economy, had not been originally scheduled to issue a statement after Thursday's meeting. But officials said the decision was made to put out a joint statement as a way to show resolve in the face of Thursday's market turbulence.

French Finance Minister Francoise Baroin told reporters at a late night briefing that the statement represented a "strong global" response to what he called a "very serious situation."

He said the G-20 group believed "there is a way out of this crisis."

A senior U.S. Treasury official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity to discuss the closed-door discussions said that all the countries felt there was a sense of urgency to take strong actions to deal with the financial market turmoil.




Investors are worried that Europe's debt crisis could destabilize the global economy. The United States is limping along with slow growth, 14 million unemployed and millions stuck with homes worth less than what is owed on the mortgage.

The Dow Jones industrial average sank 391 points for the day. The second-straight day of massive losses on Wall Street coincided with the start of the annual meeting for the 187-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending institution, the World Bank.

"The current economic situation is entering a dangerous phase," said Christine Lagarde, the head of the IMF.

"I still think a double-dip recession for the world's major economies is unlikely, but my confidence in that belief is being eroded daily," World Bank President Robert Zoellick said.

On Wednesday, stocks had tumbled after the Federal Reserve expressed new concerns about the U.S. economy and the growing risks in Europe. The Fed also announced a plan to try to lower long-term interest rates further by shuffling the makeup of its portfolio.

The gathering of world finance leaders comes at a perilous time in Europe.

Greece could default on its debt next month unless it receives a $10.9 billion installment from a bailout fund managed by the European Central Bank, the European Commission and the IMF.

A default could destabilize other financially troubled European countries, such as Portugal, Ireland, Spain and Italy. It would also deal a blow to many European banks, which are large holders of Greek government bonds.

## *G20 vows to work together to boost global economy*

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—The Group of 20 leading advanced and emerging economies are vowing to work together to boost the struggling global economy and financial system.

The G-20 voiced the resolve in a statement, saying its finance ministers and central bank governors are "committed to a strong and coordinated international response to address the renewed challenges facing the global economy."

The statement came as global stock markets have plunged amid worries the world economy is heading back into recession. The U.S. economy is saddled with high unemployment, Europe is burdened by its sovereign debt crisis and growth in China is also slowing.

South Korea's Ministry of Strategy and Finance released the statement in Seoul on Friday. South Korea is a G-20 member.

The G-20 said the main challenges that need to be addressed are "heightened downside risks from sovereign stresses, financial system fragility, market turbulence, weak economic growth and unacceptably high unemployment."

The G-20, which has assumed the leading role in coordinating policy responses to the global economy since the financial crisis that began in September 2008, also vowed to shore up the world's banking system.

"We commit to take all necessary actions to preserve the stability of banking systems and financial markets as required," the statement said. The group will ensure that banks have adequate capitalization and sufficient access to funds, it said.

The G-20 also said it was committed to "supporting growth, implementing credible fiscal consolidation plans, and ensuring strong, sustainable and balanced growth."

The statement said the group was preparing a "bold" plan of action that it is working to have ready for the summit of G-20 leaders slated for Cannes in France in November.

# Nation

# Davis' backers seek next step after execution

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Minutes before he was put to death, Troy Davis asked his supporters to "continue to fight this fight"—but will they, and how?

The Georgia inmate's case outraged hundreds of thousands of people around the world who found the evidence against him weak, and opponents of the death penalty hope their anger provokes a backlash against capital punishment. Some activists say a fitting legacy of the case would be laws that bar death sentences for those, like Davis, whose convictions are based on eyewitness testimony.

With Davis gone, however, the loose coalition of groups who pushed for his freedom may simply crumble. Much may depend not on the death penalty's most strident opponents, but on less politically active people who were drawn into the debate by Davis' two-decade struggle.

That includes Melvin Middleton, who believes capital punishment can be appropriate. After learning more details about Davis' case, he decided to show up at a downtown Atlanta rally opposing the execution.

"If you're going to take someone's life, you better be damn sure you are making the right decision," he said. "I don't know if he's guilty or not, but he's not proven guilty."

Davis was executed late Wednesday for the 1989 murder of off-duty Savannah police officer Mark MacPhail. Defense attorneys said several key witnesses disputed their testimony and other people claimed that another man confessed to the crime, but state and federal courts repeatedly upheld the conviction.

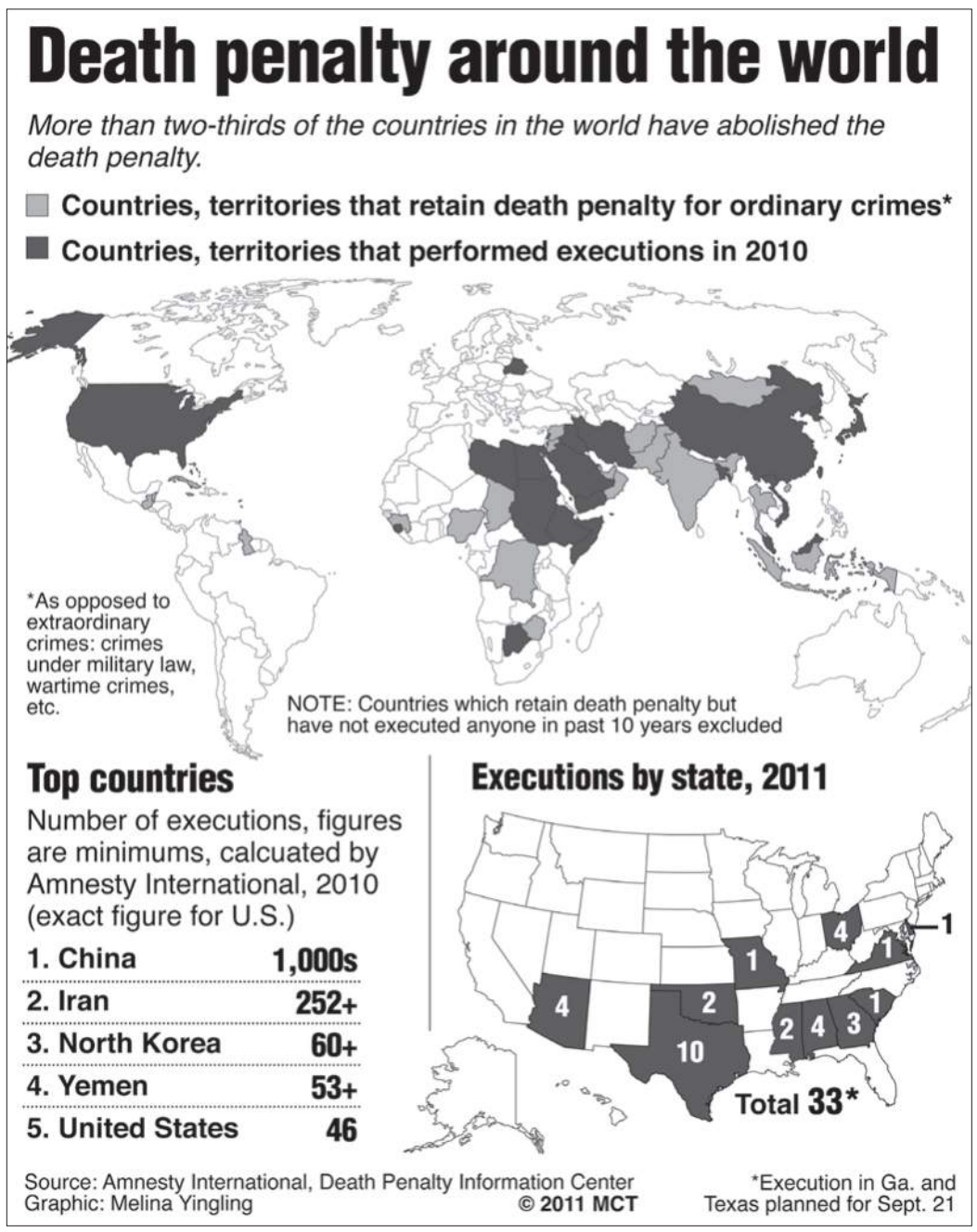
Davis maintained his innocence even as he was strapped to a gurney in the death chamber, where he told the MacPhail family to "look deeper into this case so that you really can finally see the truth."

Prosecutors and MacPhail's relatives say they have no doubt that justice was done, but among Davis' supporters, frustration runs deep.

"We did not want to lose Troy Davis as a casualty of this war, but I do think that his execution in a real sense will only add momentum to the movement of those of us who understand that the state really cannot be trusted with the ultimate punishment," said the Rev. Raphael Warnock, who spoke on Davis' behalf at a pardons board hearing this week.

Already, there are calls for lasting changes to the capital punishment system from Davis' advocates. Former President Jimmy Carter said he hopes "this tragedy will spur us as a nation toward the total rejection of capital punishment." Filmmaker Michael Moore posted a statement on his website calling for a boycott of Georgia.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who visited Davis on death row, said he will push for a national ban on capital punishment in cases that rely on eyewitness testimony. Maryland passed such a law in 2009.


Death penalty around the world
More than two-thirds of the countries in the world have abolished the death penalty.
Countries, territories that retain death penalty for ordinary crimes*
Countries, territories that performed executions in 2010
*As opposed to extraordinary crimes: crimes under military law, wartime crimes, etc.
NOTE: Countries which retain death penalty but have not executed anyone in past 10 years excluded
Top countries
Number of executions, figures are minimums, calcuated by Amnesty International, 2010 (exact figure for U.S.)
1. China 1,000s
2. Iran 252+
3. North Korea 60+
4. Yemen 53+
5. United States 46
Executions by state, 2011
Total 33*
Source: Amnesty International, Death Penalty Information Center
Graphic: Melina Yingling
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*Execution in Ga. and Texas planned for Sept. 21

## Obama is rolling back Bush-era education law

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Obama administration is offering states a way around provisions of the once-heralded No Child Left Behind law, contending many elements of the Bush-era education initiative have become barriers to learning and that too many schools, even those showing modest progress, risk being labeled as failing.

States will be allowed to ask the Education Department to be exempted from some of the law's requirements if they meet certain conditions. They include enacting standards to prepare students for college and careers and making teachers and principals more accountable.

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President Barack Obama planned to discuss the changes Friday at the White House.

"To help states, districts and schools that are ready to move forward with education reform, our administration will provide flexibility from the law in exchange for a real commitment to undertake change," Obama said in a statement Thursday. "The purpose is not to give states and districts a reprieve from accountability, but rather to unleash energy to improve our schools at the local level."

The administration says it is acting because Congress has been slow to address the issues by rewriting the law.

But Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., who chairs the House Education Committee, has questioned whether the Education Department has the authority to offer the waivers. He's said that the president has allowed "an arbitrary timeline" to dictate when Congress should get the law rewritten and that the committee needs more time to develop its proposals, which it is doing.

Kline on Thursday called the administration's plan a political move and said he cannot support a process that sets a dangerous precedent by granting the education secretary "sweeping authority to hand-pick winners and losers."

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Thursday that the emphasis will be more on growth than on test scores.

## House passes disaster aid, but Senate Dems object

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—With the economy sputtering, the warring factions of Congress have lurched toward gridlock over the usually noncontroversial process of approving disaster aid and keeping the government from shutting down.

The GOP-dominated House early Friday muscled through a $3.7 billion disaster aid measure along with a stopgap spending bill to keep the government running past next Friday. The narrow 219-203 tally reversed an embarrassing loss for House GOP leaders that came Wednesday at the hands of rebellious tea party Republicans.

Even before the House vote, however, the leader of the Senate promised that majority Democrats will scuttle the measure as soon as it reaches the chamber on Friday. Democrats there want a much larger infusion of disaster aid and they're angry over cuts totaling $1.6 trillion from clean energy programs—and the strong-arm tactics being tried by the House.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the House plan "is not an honest effort at compromise. ... It will be rejected by the Senate."

The combination of events promises to push the partisan war into the weekend and could increase the chances that the government's main disaster aid account at the Federal Emergency Management Agency might run dry early next week.

More broadly, the renewed partisanship over what should be routine moves to help disaster victims and prevent a government shutdown sends a discouraging sign as a bitterly divided Washington looks ahead to more significant debates on President Barack Obama's jobs plan and efforts by a congressional supercommittee to slash deficits.

Thursday's maneuvering started as Republicans controlling the House moved to resurrect the disaster aid package after an embarrassing loss on Wednesday.

Instead of reaching out to Democrats, House GOP leaders looked to persuade wayward tea party Republicans to change their votes and help approve the assistance—and try to force Senate Democrats into a corner with little choice but to accept cuts to clean energy programs they favor. One sweetener for conservatives was to add $100 million in savings from a program that financed a federal loan to the now-bankrupt solar panel maker Solyndra Inc.

Republicans had hoped that once the House passed the measure, Senate Democrats would have had little choice but to accept it, especially with lawmakers eager to escape Washington for a weeklong recess. The move instead infuriated Democrats, who felt GOP leaders were trying to "jam" them into accepting the GOP bill.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Poland receives 2 stolen paintings seized in NY

**NEW YORK** (AP)—U.S. authorities have returned two paintings seized in New York that were stolen from the National Museum in Warsaw, Poland, by the Nazis during World War II. The artworks were handed over to Polish officials at a repatriation ceremony Thursday at the Polish Consulate in New York. The paintings were by 19th-century Polish artist Julian Falat, who was known for his hunting and landscape paintings. "Off to the Hunt" and "The Hunt" were seized last year during an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Polish authorities alerted U.S. authorities in 2006 that both paintings were about to be sold at auction in New York.

### Indiana man indicted on child abuse charges

**PHOENIX** (AP)—An Indiana man has been indicted on charges that he forced his young grandsons on brutal hikes in triple-digit temperatures at the Grand Canyon. Federal prosecutors announced the six-count indictment Thursday against Christopher Carlson of Indianapolis. He's scheduled to be arraigned on the child abuse charges Wednesday in Phoenix. Prosecutors allege that the 45-year-old Carlson deprived his three grandsons of food and water during two separate hikes in August. The boys told investigators they had been pushed, choked and pinched during the trips.

### Police: 2 infants found dead in bathtub in Wis.

**VILLAGE OF EAST TROY, Wis.** (AP)—Police in Wisconsin say two infants have been found dead after apparently being left unattended in a bathtub. Village of East Troy Police Chief Alan Boyes says in a news release that officers responded Thursday afternoon to a report of two unresponsive individuals in an apartment. The officers attempted to perform CPR on the infants, who were taken to a hospital where they were pronounced dead. Authorities were releasing little information about the case except that a preliminary investigation had determined the babies were left in the tub unattended. Village of East Troy is about 30 miles south of Milwaukee.

# Asia

# Little fallout seen from US arms sale to Taiwan

**BEIJING** (AP)—Despite Beijing's bluster and hints of another break in military exchanges, little fallout is expected from Washington's decision to upgrade Taiwan's F-16 fighter jets.

A move to sell the island new fighters would have stirred a more vociferous response, but Washington deferred that decision. The announcement also comes at a time when both sides are seeking stability in ties ahead of U.S. elections and a looming leadership transition in Beijing.

"China's reaction is relatively moderate compared to previous years, which was what people had in fact been expecting," said Yu Tiejun, an Asian security expert at Peking University.

"China-U.S. relations are in a very subtle period. So China's reaction needs to be rational," Yu said.

China lodged diplomatic protests in Washington and Beijing, summoning U.S. Ambassador Gary Locke to complain. Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi called for the U.S. to revoke Wednesday's decision on the arms sale, saying it was a gross interference in China's affairs and seriously undermined ties between the superpowers.

The Defense Ministry warned it had "created severe obstacles for the normal military-to-military exchanges of the two countries" and called in Washington's military attache to Beijing.

But Yang, speaking to American businessmen in New York, concluded that the U.S.-China relationship "will overcome the difficulties and continue to move forward."

That deepened the perception that China's strong words are catering to the military and nationalistic public who regard the U.S. as an interloper that uses support for Taiwan as a means of restraining China's rise. China reacts strongly to all U.S. military cooperation with the island, but previous threats to sternly retaliate have yielded no long-term damage to relations, despite occasional freeze on military exchanges and postponement of meetings.

"For the sake of legitimacy, the regime has to respond strongly. There will always be bluster and threats bandied about, but they also know that the U.S. is their most important foreign relationship," said Gabe Collins, a Michigan-based expert on the Chinese military.

"At the end of the day, I don't think there'll be significant damage," said Collins, co-founder of China Signpost, an online publication that follows China's armed forces.

China regards the democratic island of 23 million people as part of its territory, and sees the arms sales as undermining China's efforts to woo back Taiwan. The two sides split amid civil war in 1949.

The $5.85 billion upgrade will provide new radars, weapons systems, pilot training, spare parts and structural upgrades, but is not nearly as advanced as the electronics, avionics and fire systems aboard the C/D models that Taiwan had long wanted to purchase.

In Taipei, Taiwan's Foreign Ministry hailed the Obama administration for "responding to our request proactively by taking concrete actions to approve" the upgrade. In a statement late Wednesday night, the ministry said the package is "composed of many advanced systems."

Beijing temporarily suspended military exchanges with the U.S. last year after the Obama administration notified Congress it was making $6.4 billion in weapons available to Taiwan, including missiles, Black Hawk helicopters, information distribution systems and two Osprey Class Mine Hunting Ships.

Military exchanges are again considered the most likely target of China's wrath, although Beijing could also cancel some symbolic meetings. Even then, the impact would likely be slight—China has long viewed defense contacts as a political bargaining chip and they have yielded little amid frequent interruptions.

How much anger China makes evident would depend on how much pressure there is from the public and influential military officers who often give speeches and write newspaper editorials.

"It's hard to say what specific actions China will take about this issue because it depends on too many things," said Wang Dong, a Peking University U.S. relations expert.

Along with the need for overall stability in its political ties with the U.S., China also needs to keep trade and investment steady and maintain access to U.S. high technology for projects such as its future passenger jet that would compete with Boeing and Airbus.

In addition, China is preparing to send vice president and assumed future leader Xi Jinping to Washington this year for a major profile-building visit. A significant rise in tensions could poison the atmosphere for such a trip, tarnishing Xi's image as future leader of the world's most populous nation and second-largest economy.

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In this April 12, 2011 file image, a Taiwan Air Force F-16 fighter lands on a section of highway during a military drill in Madou, Tainan city, south of Taiwan.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### SE Asia risks China's ire to discuss sea dispute

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Southeast Asian maritime experts were close to endorsing a Philippine plan for settling a long-standing dispute over potentially oil-rich islands in the South China Sea that are claimed by six countries including China. The experts gathered in Manila Thursday for a two-day discussion of the plan, which is seen an attempt by the Philippines to present a unified regional policy in confronting China. Beijing claims all the islands while the other countries claim them in part in a constantly bubbling dispute that has often led to regional tensions.

### SKorean reporters detained by China near NKorea

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—Seoul officials say South Korean journalists have been detained by China on suspicions of spying while on a reporting trip near China's border with North Korea. The Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported Friday that four journalists, a researcher and a guide were taken into custody Tuesday near the Tumen River. Two South Korean Foreign Ministry officials confirmed that reporters from the JoongAng Ilbo newspaper were detained near the river dividing China and North Korea.

### Plane with American pilot crashes in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Police say a small plane has crashed in Indonesia's eastern province of Papua, killing all three people on board, including the American pilot. Lt. Col. Wachyono said the privately-chartered Pilatus aircraft went down Thursday while delivering logistical supplies from the town of Pagai to Wamena. He said the bodies of the American pilot, identified as Paul Westlund, and two Papuans have been evacuated to the provincial capital, Jayapura.

# Remote India villages reached; quake toll hits 106

**MANGAN, India** (AP)—Rescuers on Thursday finally reached some of the villages in India's remote northeast that were cut off by a powerful earthquake in the Himalayan region last weekend, as the death toll in the disaster climbed past 100.

Rescue efforts following Sunday's magnitude-6.9 quake, which also struck parts of Tibet and Nepal, were slow-going because heavy rains kept helicopters grounded and mudslides triggered by the disaster blocked roads leading into remote, mountainous terrain.

As the weather improved Thursday, with no rain, helicopters were able to ferry relief workers to some inaccessible areas for the first time, said R. Sahu, an Indian air force spokesman. Other workers moved forward on the ground, using heavy machinery and dynamite to clear roads.

Sahu said nine villages with a combined population of nearly 1,000 were still cut off, but that aircraft had been able to drop rice and other supplies to stranded residents.

India's Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram on Thursday visited some of the hardest-hit areas and said the army assured him that by Friday at the latest they would be able to access the nine villages by road.

Two injured people from Chungthang, one of the worst-hit villages, were taken by helicopter to a hospital, Sahu said.

Nearly 200 homes were damaged in Chungthang, which has a population of nearly 2,000 people. Fearing aftershocks, most residents, especially women and children, have been spending the nights in a Sikh shrine that also provides them with food.

Police said seven bodies were found in the Mangan area close to the epicenter of the quake.

The army on Thursday evacuated 70 foreign tourists from the quake-hit areas, according to TimesNow television news channel. The state's more than 200 Buddhist monasteries and Himalayan vistas draw about 20,000 foreign tourists per year.

The 106 confirmed deaths from the quake were spread across a wide swath of the sparsely populated Himalayan region, with officials reporting 75 dead in the worst-hit state of Sikkim, 12 in West Bengal, six in Bihar, six in the neighboring Nepal and another seven in the Chinese region of Tibet.

Word on casualties and damage from the cutoff villages has been slow to come by, and the toll was expected to rise.

On Wednesday, officials finally made their way to a remote hydroelectric project in the region where they confirmed that 17 people had been killed in quake-triggered landslides and another person was missing.

Sikkim's chief minister, Pawan Kumar Chamling, told reporters Wednesday that according to initial estimates, the earthquake had caused losses and damage worth 1 trillion rupees ($22 billion).

# Pakistan condemns US comments about spy agency

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—Pakistan lashed out at the U.S. for accusing the country's most powerful intelligence agency of supporting extremist attacks against American troops in Afghanistan—the most serious allegations against Islamabad since the beginning of the Afghan war.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar dismissed the claims as mere allegations. She warned the U.S. that it risked losing Pakistan as an ally and could not afford to alienate the Pakistani government or its people.

"If they are choosing to do so, it will be at their own cost," Khar told Geo TV on Thursday from New York City, where she is attending a U.N. General Assembly meeting. "Anything which is said about an ally, about a partner publicly to recriminate it, to humiliate it is not acceptable."

Khar's comments were first aired in Pakistan on Friday.

The foreign minister spoke following congressional testimony by the top U.S. military officer about Pakistan.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, accused Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency Thursday of supporting the Haqqani insurgent network in planning and executing the assault on the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan last week and a truck bomb that wounded 77 American soldiers days earlier.

He also said the U.S. had credible information that Haqqani extremists, with help from the ISI, were responsible for the June 28 attack on the Inter-Continental Hotel in Kabul and other small but effective assaults.

The Haqqani insurgent network is widely believed to be based in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area along the Afghan border. The group has historical ties to Pakistani intelligence, dating back to the war against the Soviets in Afghanistan in the 1980s. The U.S. military has said the Haqqani network, which has ties to both al-Qaida and the Taliban, poses the greatest threat to American troops in Afghanistan.

Mullen insisted that the Haqqani insurgent network "acts as a veritable arm" of the ISI, undermining the uneasy U.S.-Pakistan relationship forged in the terror fight and endangering American troops in the almost 10-year-old war in Afghanistan.

Pakistan is "exporting violence" and threatening any success in Afghanistan, Mullen told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"In choosing to use violent extremism as an instrument of policy, the government of Pakistan, and most especially the Pakistani army and ISI, jeopardizes not only the prospect of our strategic partnership but Pakistan's opportunity to be a respected nation with legitimate regional influence," Mullen said. "They may believe that by using these proxies, they are hedging their bets or redressing what they feel is an imbalance in regional power. But in reality, they have already lost that bet."

# World

# Palestinians prepare to submit UN statehood bid

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—Nearly two decades after embarking on historic peace talks with Israel, Palestinians prepared to sidestep that troubled route on Friday to seek U.N. recognition of an independent state—hoping to leverage this dramatic move on the world stage to realize their dream of an independent homeland.

Earlier in the week, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas rebuffed an intense, U.S.-led effort to sway him from the statehood bid, saying he would submit the application to U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon as planned. A top aide, Mohammed Ishtayeh, said Thursday that Abbas asked Ban and the Council's Lebanese president this month to process the application without delay.

"We're going without any hesitation and continuing despite all the pressures," Abbas told members of the Palestinian diaspora at a hotel in New York on Thursday night. "We seek to achieve our right and we want our independent state."

To be sure, Abbas' appeal to the U.N. to recognize Palestinian independence in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip would not deliver any immediate changes on the ground: Israel would remain an occupying force in those first two territories and continue to severely restrict access to Gaza, ruled by Palestinian Hamas militants.

Beyond that, Security Council action on the membership request could take weeks or months.

The strategy also put the Palestinians in direct confrontation with the U.S., which has threatened to veto their membership bid in the U.N. Security Council, reasoning, like Israel, that statehood can only be achieved through direct negotiations between the parties to the long and bloody conflict.

Also hanging heavy in the air was the threat of renewed violence over frustrated Palestinian aspirations—perhaps not immediate, because Abbas has vowed to prevent unrest, but possibly down the road if negotiations continue to stall.

Yet by seeking approval at a world forum overwhelmingly sympathetic to their quest, Palestinians hope to make it harder for Israel to resist already heavy global pressure to negotiate the borders of a future Palestine based on lines Israel held before capturing the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza in 1967.

In recent weeks, international mediators have been furiously trying to piece together a formula that would let the Palestinians abandon their plan to ask the Security Council for full U.N. membership, and instead make do with the more modest goal of asking a sympathetic General Assembly to elevate their status from permanent observer to nonmember observer state. The other part of that formula would include the resumption of negotiations in short order.

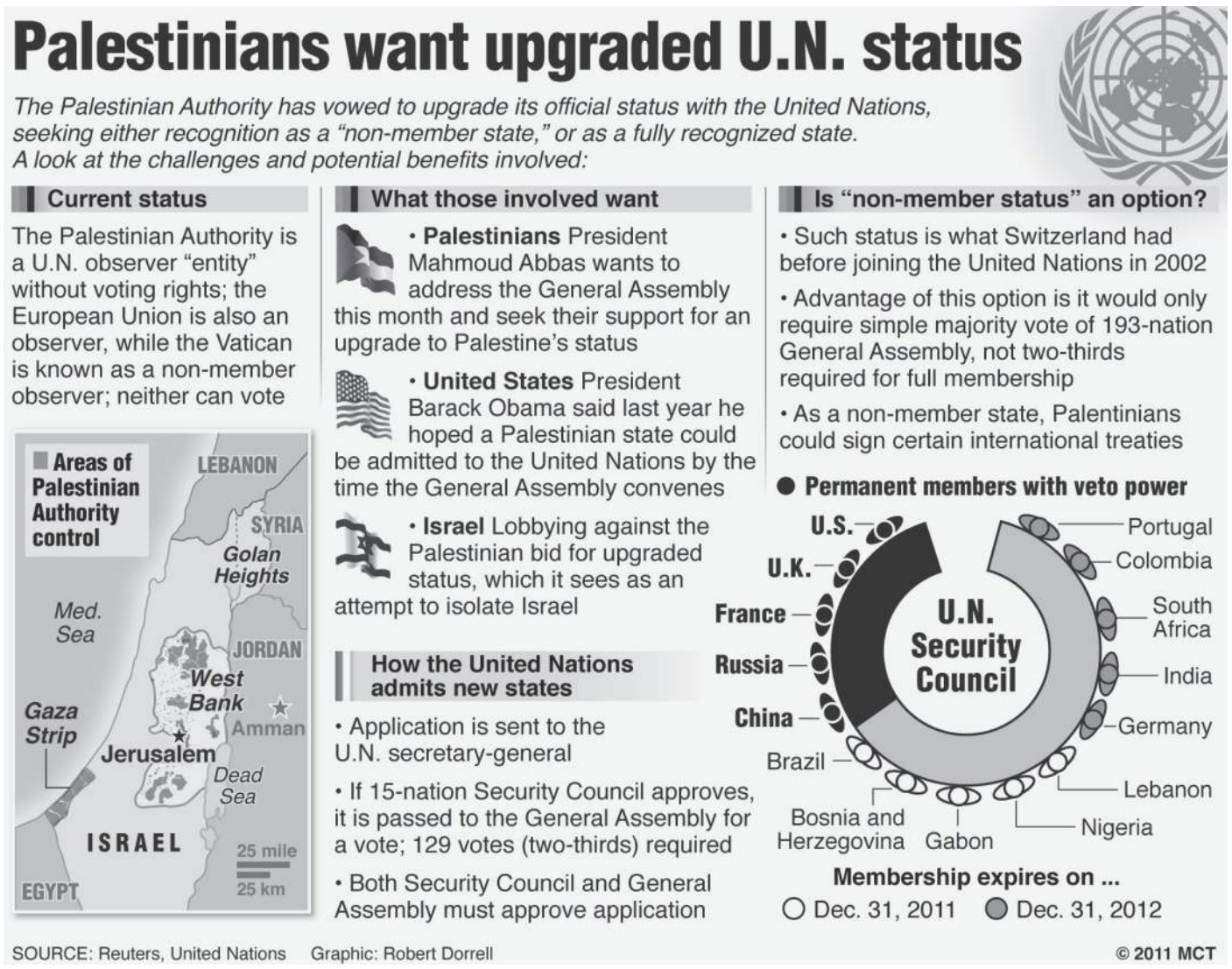
The U.S. and Israel have been pressuring council members to either vote against the plan or abstain when it comes up for a vote. The vote would require the support of nine of the council's 15 members to pass, but even if the Palestinians could line up that backing, a U.S. veto is assured.

The resumption of talks seems an elusive goal, with both sides digging in to positions that have tripped up negotiations for years. Israel insists that negotiations go ahead without any preconditions. But Palestinians say they will not return to the bargaining table without assurances that Israel would halt settlement building and drop its opposition to basing negotiations on the borders it held before capturing the West Bank, east Jerusalem and the Gaza in 1967.

Israel has warned that the Palestinian appeal to the U.N. will have a disastrous effect on negotiations, which have been the cornerstone of international Mideast policy for the past two decades. Netanyahu, who is to address the General Assembly later Friday, shortly after Abbas makes his own address, opposes negotiations based on 1967 lines, saying a return to those frontiers would expose Israel's heartland to rocket fire from the West Bank.

He also fears that if that principle becomes the baseline for negotiations, then Palestinians won't settle for anything less, despite previous understandings between the Palesitnians and previous Israeli governments to swap land where settlement blocs stand for Israeli territory.

Talks for all intents and purposes broke down nearly three years ago after Israel went to war in the Gaza Strip and prepared to hold national elections that ultimately propelled Netanyahu to power for a second time. A last round was launched a year ago, with the ambitious aim of producing a framework accord for a peace deal, but broke down just three weeks later after an Israeli settlement construction slowdown expired.


Palestinians want upgraded U.N. status
The Palestinian Authority has vowed to upgrade its official status with the United Nations, seeking either recognition as a "non-member state," or as a fully recognized state. A look at the challenges and potential benefits involved:
Current status
The Palestinian Authority is a U.N. observer "entity" without voting rights; the European Union is also an observer, while the Vatican is known as a non-member observer; neither can vote
What those involved want
• Palestinians President Mahmoud Abbas wants to address the General Assembly this month and seek their support for an upgrade to Palestine's status
• United States President Barack Obama said last year he hoped a Palestinian state could be admitted to the United Nations by the time the General Assembly convenes
• Israel Lobbying against the Palestinian bid for upgraded status, which it sees as an attempt to isolate Israel
Is "non-member status" an option?
• Such status is what Switzerland had before joining the United Nations in 2002
• Advantage of this option is it would only require simple majority vote of 193-nation General Assembly, not two-thirds required for full membership
• As a non-member state, Palentinians could sign certain international treaties
Areas of Palestinian Authority control
LEBANON
SYRIA
Golan Heights
Med. Sea
JORDAN
West Bank
Amman
Gaza Strip
Jerusalem
Dead Sea
ISRAEL
EGYPT
25 mile
25 km
How the United Nations admits new states
• Application is sent to the U.N. secretary-general
• If 15-nation Security Council approves, it is passed to the General Assembly for a vote; 129 votes (two-thirds) required
• Both Security Council and General Assembly must approve application
Permanent members with veto power
U.S.
U.K.
France
Russia
China
Brazil
U.N. Security Council
Portugal
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# Ahmadinejad: It's not too late to fix US ties

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Hours after criticizing America so fiercely that U.S. diplomats stormed out of the U.N. General Assembly in protest, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday that time has not run out for the two countries to repair their bad relationship.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Ahmadinejad claimed that explosive material and not planes brought down the World Trade Center, rejected the West's view of his country's nuclear ambitions and castigated U.S. policies from Libya to Pakistan. But he also complained that President Barack Obama never made good on a pledge to try to open a dialogue with Iran, and said he still hopes for a face-to-face meeting.

"I don't believe that this is a chance that has been completely lost," Ahmadinejad said.

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The White House declined to comment on Ahmadinejad's remarks.

Ahmadinejad provoked a walkout by diplomats from more than 30 countries at the General Assembly when he attacked the U.S. and Europe as being greedy, arrogant and too ready to use military force. He has made similar waves in past gatherings in New York, but at home his powers have been weakened by Iran's ruling clerics.

That weakness was evident last week when Iran's judiciary knocked down his claim that two Americans jailed in Iran for more than two years as suspected spies could be on their way home.

Asked about the power struggle, Ahmadinejad gave a civics lesson on the separation of powers in the constitution. On the issue of his political opponents, he conceded that "some people don't like me very much in Iran."

The two Americans, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, ended up being released Wednesday in what Ahmadinejad said was a humanitarian gesture. He offered no proof the pair were conducting espionage but said it is beyond doubt that they illegally crossed the border—an offense he added that the United States itself routinely prosecutes.

"Just the fact that they are in their families' arms is important," Ahmadinejad said.

In the case of Robert Levinson, a retired FBI agent missing nearly five years in Iran, Ahmadinejad said he does not know where Levinson is. But he referred to unspecified contacts between the U.S. and Iran over the case.

"I think there was good collaboration between the intelligence apparatus in both countries," Ahmadinejad said. "I think we have reached concrete results—good results—and it would be good if such collaboration continues."

Authorities announced in March that Levinson's family had received proof in late 2010 that he was alive. The news touched off a hopeful round of fresh diplomacy, but there has been no word since.

On the Sept. 11 attacks, Ahmadinejad stopped short of saying the United States staged the disaster 10 years ago, but said that as an engineer, he's sure New York's twin towers were not brought down by jetliners.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Yemen TV: President Saleh back from Saudi Arabia

**SANAA, Yemen** (AP)—President Ali Abdullah Saleh returned Friday to the Yemeni capital after more than three months of medical treatment in Saudi Arabia in a surprise move that could further enflame violence between forces loyal to him and his opponents. Saleh left Yemen for Saudi Arabia in June after he was seriously injured in an attack on his presidential compound in the capital Sanaa. During his absence, the country further slipped into chaos after the protests that erupted in February demanding an end to his 33-year old rule. But the violence took a serious turn this week after a regionally-sponsored, U.S.-backed deal to transfer power hit a new snag.

### Chile students resume protests pushing reforms

**SANTIAGO, Chile** (AP)—Tens of thousands of demonstrators have marched in Chile's capital, resuming street protests to demand that the government increase spending on public education and improve its quality. Small groups of activists skirmished with police at the end of Thursday's 30-block march, and some people have been arrested. The demonstration comes after negotiations failed to get the government to accept the demands of student groups.

### Challenger Michael Sata wins Zambia elections

**LUSAKA, Zambia** (AP)—The chairwoman of the Electoral Commission of Zambia says challenger Michael Sata has defeated the incumbent in presidential elections. Irene Mambilima announced early Friday that with tallies completed from nearly all the country's 150 constituencies, Sata had won with 1,150,045 votes, or 43 percent of the total. President Rupiah Banda had 961,796 votes, or 36.1 percent. Eight other candidates shared the remainder. Banda's party, of which Sata had been a member until a 2001 leadership dispute, had been in power for two decades.

# YoungStyle

## Flying fish, monsters on Toys R Us 'Hot Toy' list

By MAE ANDERSON
AP RETAIL WRITER

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Every year, toy makers and sellers hope there will be a runaway hit toy to help spur excitement around the holidays and boost sales. Toys R Us is betting that 15 toys ranging from a flying, inflatable remote-control fish to tiny collectible monsters will be big hits this season.

Making the right picks early is crucial for toy sellers so they have the right mixture of toys at the right prices to lure shoppers. The holiday season can account for about 40 percent of a toy seller's annual profit. In 2010, U.S. toy sales rose 2 percent to $21.87 billion, according to the NPD Group.

Karen Dodge, senior vice president and chief merchandising officer of Toys R Us in the U.S. said "there's lots of really interesting and different and unique toys on the list."

The 15 toys on the Toys R Us list are:

■ Air Hogs Hyper Actives by Spin Master, $49.99: Radio controlled miniature racing cars.

■ Air Swimmers Extreme by Animal Planet, $49.99: Inflatable fish and shark balloons that are radio controlled and seem to swim through the air. Helium tank sold separately.

■ Lalaloopsy Silly Hair dolls by MGA Entertainment, $34.99: Rag dolls with button eyes and bendable hair. They come with an accompanying pet with a bendable tail.

■ LeapPad Explorer by Leapfrog, $99.99: A tablet-like device which children can use to read books, play educational games and take pictures.

■ Monster High Fearleading 3-Pack by Mattel, $42.99: Three dolls which are offspring of famous monsters, dressed in "Fear Squad" cheerleading outfits.

■ Moshi Monsters Moshling Mini-Figures 3-pack by Spin Master, $5.99: Tiny collectible monsters related to a hit online game.

■ My Keepon by Wow! Stuff, $39.99: A bright yellow blob-like robot that dances to music.

■ Nerf Vortex Vigilon by Hasbro, $24.99: A foam dart gun that launches foam discs up to 50 feet.

■ Ninjago Lightning Dragon Battle by Lego Systems Inc., $79.99: A 645-piece construction set offered exclusively at Toys R Us with characters from Lego's popular Ninjago line.

■ Poppin' Park Elefun Busy Ball Popper by Hasbro's Playskool, $29.99: A colorful elephant that can launch plastic balls and plays music.

■ Power Wheels Dune Racer by Mattel's Fisher-Price: $279.99. A child-size dune buggy that can ride over grass, gravel and mud.

■ Radica Fijit Friends by Mattel, $49.99: Robotic toys that dance and respond to squeezes and spoken words.

■ Sesame Street Let's Rock! Elmo by Hasbro, $69.99: An Elmo doll that sings and comes with a drum, tambourine and microphone.

AP
In this photograph taken by AP Images for Hasbro, Inc., a child plays with the new Let's Rock! Elmo toy from Hasbro's Playskool brand at a private launch event in New York on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

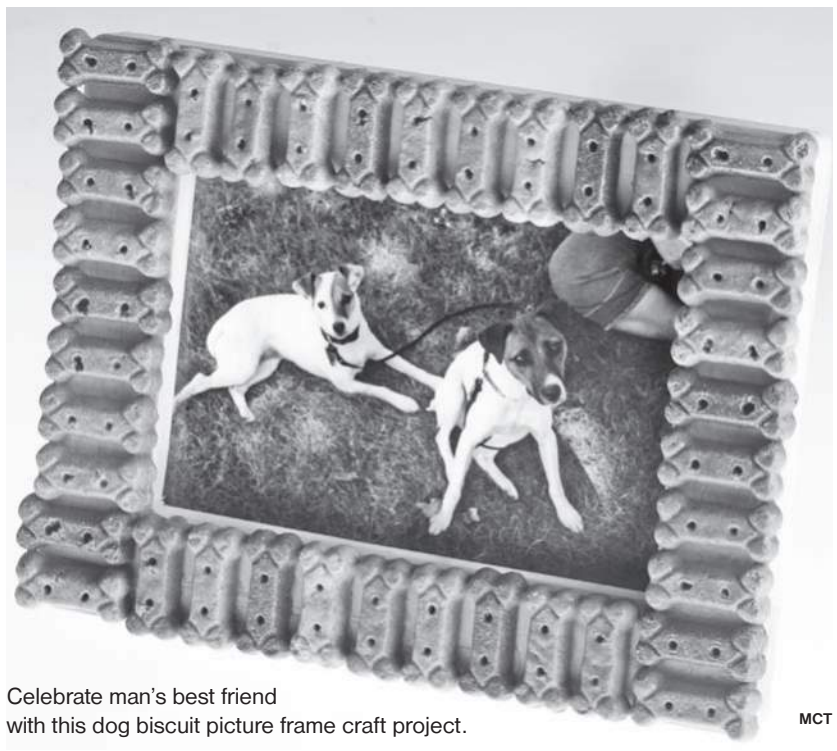
■ "Skylanders: Spyro's Adventure," by Activision, $69.99: A video game that includes action figures that can be placed in a portal and then appear in the game.

■ The Trash Pack Garbage Truck by Moose Toys, $19.99: A garbage truck that can hold 10 collectible Trashies, which are tiny collectible characters. It comes with two special edition Trashies and is a Toys R Us exclusive.

Toys R Us Inc., based in Wayne, N.J., is the largest U.S. specialty toy retailer.

## Frame for man's best friend

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL


Celebrate man's best friend with this dog biscuit picture frame craft project.
MCT

As a pet lover, I think anyone who loves animals should have the right to keep a pet. But taking one into your home is a huge commitment that goes above providing food and medical treatment. You must commit to meet all the animal's needs, including proper training and providing adequate exercise on a daily basis, either by walking on a sidewalk, a trail or on a treadmill. Well-behaved dogs generally receive better training, starting in puppyhood. And they get exercise every day—it's not enough to open up the door and let them outside to run inside a fenced-in yard.

Cats have needs, too, such as toys to keep their minds stimulated to replace their basic instinct to hunt; perches so they can climb high as their ancestors did in trees and specific scratching places for claws.

Studies and practical knowledge tell me dogs that are walked on a daily basis have fewer behavior problems. Consistently walking your dog also gives you the best opportunity to train it and allows it to gain confidence that you will always be there to protect it.

Dogs that have been bred as working dogs, such as the border collie, have instinctive needs to do the job they were bred to do. The border collie, for example, will herd rocks or even small children if they aren't given the opportunity to do some kind of job to replace the herding instinct they have learned through generations.

To celebrate "man's best friend" during National Dog Week Sept. 22-28, I made a frame for a photo of your pet with instructions I found at http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/crafts-by-type/animal-bug-crafts/animal-themed-crafts/cat-dog-crafts/puppy-portrait-frame-665734/ on the Web. I modified the directions for our use.

Supplies you will need:

■ Flat wooden frame from craft store.

■ Multi-colored dog bone-shaped treats.

■ Water-based polyurethane.

■ Small paint brush.

■ White tacky glue.

If the flat wooden frame you purchased has a glass, remove it and the cardboard backing and set them aside.

Paint the frame with a coat of polyurethane and allow to dry.

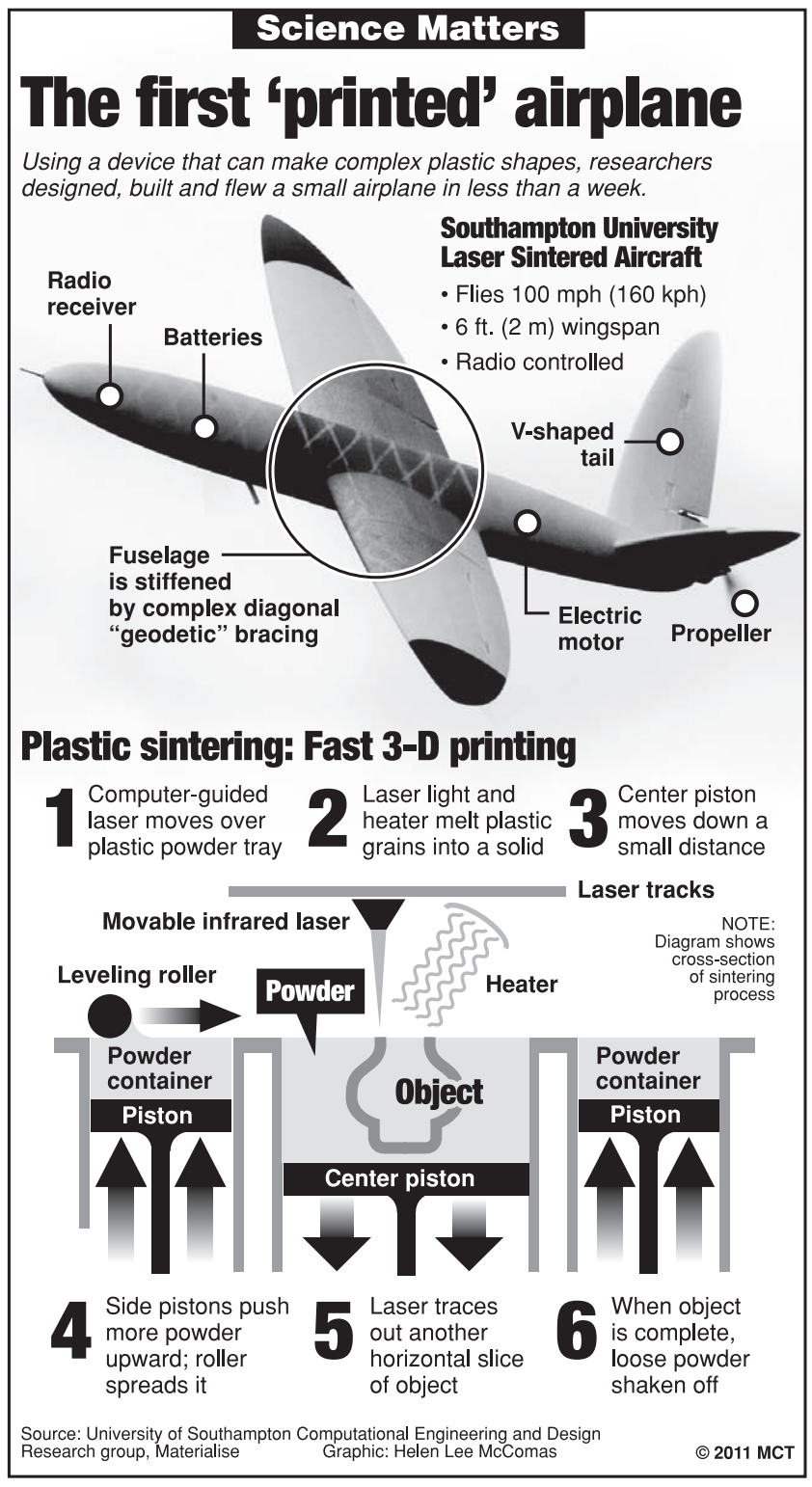
Place the frame, face side up on a flat working surface and arrange the dog bones around the frame on the flat surface. Place them horizontally, end to end to fashion a border all the way around, or diagonally to accent the corners.

Once the pattern is determined, remove the dog bones, lay them face down, and apply a coat of water-based high-gloss polyurethane to the backs of the bones.

When the backs are dry, use tacky glue to attach the backs to the frame in the pattern you prefer.

Apply polyurethane to the tops and sides of the glued-on dog bones, let dry, and apply another coat of polyurethane.

When the final coat is completely dry, insert the dog's photo and reassemble the frame.


Science Matters
The first 'printed' airplane
Using a device that can make complex plastic shapes, researchers designed, built and flew a small airplane in less than a week.
Southampton University Laser Sintered Aircraft
• Flies 100 mph (160 kph)
• 6 ft. (2 m) wingspan
• Radio controlled
Radio receiver
Batteries
V-shaped tail
Fuselage is stiffened by complex diagonal "geodetic" bracing
Electric motor
Propeller
Plastic sintering: Fast 3-D printing
1 Computer-guided laser moves over plastic powder tray
2 Laser light and heater melt plastic grains into a solid
3 Center piston moves down a small distance
Laser tracks
Movable infrared laser
NOTE: Diagram shows cross-section of sintering process
Leveling roller
Powder
Heater
Powder container
Piston
Object
Center piston
Powder container
Piston
4 Side pistons push more powder upward; roller spreads it
5 Laser traces out another horizontal slice of object
6 When object is complete, loose powder shaken off
Source: University of Southampton Computational Engineering and Design Research group, Materialise
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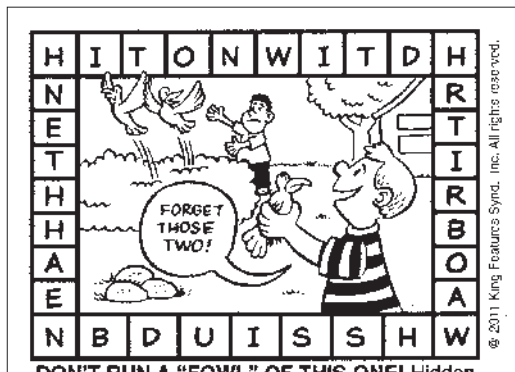


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**DON'T RUN A "FOWL" OF THIS ONE!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "A" in the right-hand rail: "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

Illustrated by David Coulson

**FIND THE BIG WORDS!**

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| 6. | | | A | | | I | | |
| 7. | | N | | | | | N | |
| 8. | A | | | | | | | G |

IDENTIFY THE INFINITE COMBINATIONS OF SOUNDS THAT, IN WRITTEN FORM, BECOME WORDS, SYMBOLIZE AND COMMUNICATE SPECIFIC MEANINGS!

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the work asked for.

| DEFINITION: | ANAGRAM: |
|---|---|
| 1. Where outlaws hide out. | sand + bald |
| 2. Famous Carnegie Deli sandwich. | aims + trap |
| 3. Invented by Ben Franklin. | fail + cobs |
| 4. Where bats hang out. | ribs + flee |
| 5. Night criminals. | slag + burr |
| 6. What waiters expect. | yurt + gait |
| 7. Ancient mythical horses. | coin + runs |
| 8. What young actors are. | pigs + rain |

Answers: 1. Badlands. 2. Pastrami. 3. Bifocals. 4. Belfries. 5. Burglars. 6. Gratuity. 7. Unicorns. 8. Aspiring.

**A SHORT MATH TEST!** See if you can arrange the digits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 so that when two of the digits are multiplied by one of the digits, the product will contain the remaining two digits.

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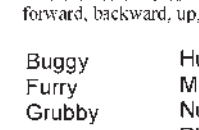
Answer: 13 x 4 = 52.

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.




Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Fads, fade, fare, farm, fire, firm, film, file.

# Humidifier may help dog's skin allergy

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I have just read your column about "Cara," the 7-year-dog with skin allergies who itches and scratches terribly. My dog had this problem, too, and I was helped by the Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada with a very simple solution—run a humidifier for at least eight hours per day in the room where "Cara" sleeps. I did this with my scratchy fellow, and the problem was solved within a few days! Neither my vet nor groomer had ever heard of such a thing. I also switched to Science Diet Sensitive Skin kibbles. No more scratching at my house. Hope you can pass this on to Cara's owner. —Pattie R., via email**

**DEAR PATTIE:** Thanks for the helpful advice! A change in diet and the humidifier may have a positive effect on Cara's allergies. Pets can be very sensitive to seemingly benign dog or cat foods, and it's often a trial-and-error process to find a diet that such pets can tolerate. Be sure to include your pet's veterinarian in the process so that he or she knows what your pet is eating and is able to offer advice and expertise that could help.

The Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada can be found online at www.tibetanterriercanada.com. The site has general information about the Tibetan Terrier breed and basic care guidelines, as well as links to other Tibetan Terrier clubs around the world.

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*Readers, have you found a diet or medical remedy for your allergic pet? Let others know by sending in your pet's story to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.*

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# Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was noted American wit Groucho Marx who made the following sage observation: "There's one way to find out if a man is honest—ask him. If he says 'Yes,' you know he is a crook."

■ When the city of Los Angeles was founded, it was given the name "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora de los Angeles de Porciuncula," which translates to "The Town of Our Lady of the Angels of Porciuncula." Back then, in 1781, there were just 52 settlers to start what is now the second most populous city in the country.

■ When speaking of dead languages, Latin is the one that probably comes to mind most often. It's not quite dead, though; it's the official language of Vatican City.

■ Those who keep track of such things say that a professional ballet dancer goes through about 130 pairs of toe shoes in a single year.

■ The yo-yo became popular in the United States after it was marketed by Donald F. Duncan Sr., a businessman from Chicago, but he didn't invent the toy. In 1928, Duncan was on a business trip to San Francisco when he saw Philippine immigrant Pedro Flores, who had gotten financing to manufacture the yo-yos and had trademarked the name, demonstrating how to use the toy. Duncan realized that the toy had the potential to be a huge success, so he paid Flores $5,000 for all the rights. Incidentally, the name "yo-yo" means "come-come" in the native language of the Philippines.

■ If you're like the average American, showers account for nearly one-third of your home water use.

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Thought for the Day: "Any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armor and attacked a hot fudge sundae."—Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

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## MAGIC MAZE ● TYPED ONLY WITH THE INDEX FINGERS

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Y W T R O L J G E B B N H H Y
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Buggy | Humbug | Rugby | Tummy |
| Furry | Muggy | Rummy | Unfunny |
| Grubby | Nutty | Thumb | Untruth |
| Grunt | Rhythm | Truth | |

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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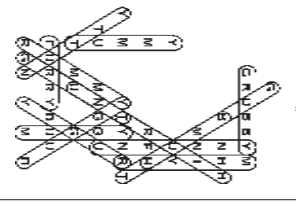


**GO FIGURE ANSWER**

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# Fun ways to display your name

by Donna Erickson

Sorting through bills, advertisements and coupons, I get weary of the waste and the impersonal nature of daily junk mail. Occupant ... Occupant ... Resident ... Occupant! When my name actually appears on an envelope in handwriting I recognize, I feel like a gem is passing through my hands.

When you think about it, a name really is important. To the government, I'm only a Social Security number. The airlines know me by my frequent-flyer number, and to the bank, well, I'm just another number. But my name is me, wrapped up in a few little letters. And for some reason, a name has power. When we hear someone use our name, don't we perk up and take notice? It's like there's a tiny electrical connection that is made when a person says it.

Families everywhere are learning a whole new batch of names and faces this fall as kids enter new classrooms, make new friendships and join athletic and academic teams. Have fun practicing and spelling new names, then display your kids' names with these activities:

## NAME AND NOTES DOOR SIGN

Glue colorful plastic alphabet letters to a small, lightweight blackboard. Glue a stationery clip to the frame, and attach a tiny tablet. Tie a string around a pen, and loop over the clip. Hang it at your preschooler's height on the bedroom door.

## NAME ON A PLANK

When your child begins to learn cursive, practice "writing" her name with a length of rope, yarn, string or twine. Twist and turn it on a table first, then glue the formed name to a plank of wood. Hang it above her desk or bed.

## OUTSIDE THE BOX

Count the letters in your child's name and cover that many empty single-portion cereal boxes with plain construction paper. Paint one large letter on the front side of each box to collectively spell the name. Attach hooks on the backs and hang them on your child's wall.

Parenting Tip: Play a game with your name. See how many words you can form with the letters. Include the letters in your middle and last names to expand the list.

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*Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."*

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# Good Housekeeping

# More kids accidentally poisoned by prescription drugs

By SHARI ROAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**LOS ANGELES**—Child-safety caps were a great invention. Their use in recent decades significantly reduced the number of kids accidentally poisoned by medicines. The caps worked so well that adults complained the bottles were hard to open.

But prescription dispensing has changed, and there are indications that children are finding ways to ingest drugs that are not meant for them. According to a study published Friday, the rate of accidental child poisonings with prescription drugs rose dramatically in the United States in the last decade.

Researchers at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center looked at a database of more than half a million children 5 or younger who had visited an emergency room because of possible poisoning by medication. They found a 22 percent increase in accidental drug exposures from 2001 to 2008 even though the population of children increased by only 8 percent during the study period. Such poisonings had fallen from 1990 to 2000.

Prescription drugs, especially oxycodone, morphine and codeine, accounted for more than half of the exposures.

"The problem of pediatric poisoning in the U.S. is getting worse, not better," said Dr. Randall Bond, the lead author of the study. "Effective efforts at 'poison proofing' may have plateaued or declined."

It's not clear why poisoning rates are up. It could be that there are simply more drugs in people's homes these days. The number of prescription pain medications, for example, has increased.

The authors suggested that medicine bottles and packages may need to be redesigned to limit how fast a child can consume their contents. Meanwhile, parents and guardians are advised to store drugs in locked cabinets and rid the home of unused medications.

The study is due to appear in the Journal of Pediatrics.

# Composting tips

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
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**Q: I really enjoy your column, it's informative and helpful. We have many trees on our property, and leaves are a constant cleaning chore. We place the leaves in a barrel and let them decompose. When they've broken down, we use that compost in our flower beds and special gardens, like our volcano mountain waterfall garden. In the decomposing barrel, we add a little lime to sweeten the soil.**

**The best way to maintain home value is to keep the home looking appealing.—Mr. & Mrs. Harry & Janice K., St. Cloud, Fla.**

**A:** Good advice. Creating a compost heap is a very budget-friendly way to keep garden plants flourishing. If you have a well-treed property and aren't taking advantage of all the free leaves, I highly recommend doing so. There are a number of composting methods, from creating a simple heap in a corner of the yard to purchasing a rotating composting system (usually a heavy-duty barrel on a stand that allows you to rotate the barrel easily to turn the compost). It's up to you how you want to compost.

Leaves can be a very rich source of minerals that when broken down do a great job of building up the soil for decorative plants as well as vegetable gardens.

Adding lime to compost is a topic of some debate. Lime typically slows down decomposition, and it reduces the acidity of the compost. So it's a good idea to know why and when lime needs to be added. If, for example, your compost is largely made up of oak leaves, pine needles or fruit pulp, adding a small amount of lime (about 1 cup for every 25 cubic feet of compost) can balance out the pH of the compost by lowering the acidity.

To speed decomposition and ensure even breakdown, turn your compost every three weeks. Shredding the leaves before adding them to the pile will also help the compost develop faster. This is where a mulching attachment on the lawnmower comes in handy. If it's too much trouble, however, just chuck the leaves onto the pile and remember to turn regularly.

**HOME TIP:** Leaf pile not composting? Add some manure (one part for every five parts of leaves), bone meal or other nitrogen-rich supplement to kick-start decomposition.

*Send your questions or comments to ask@thisisahammer.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.*

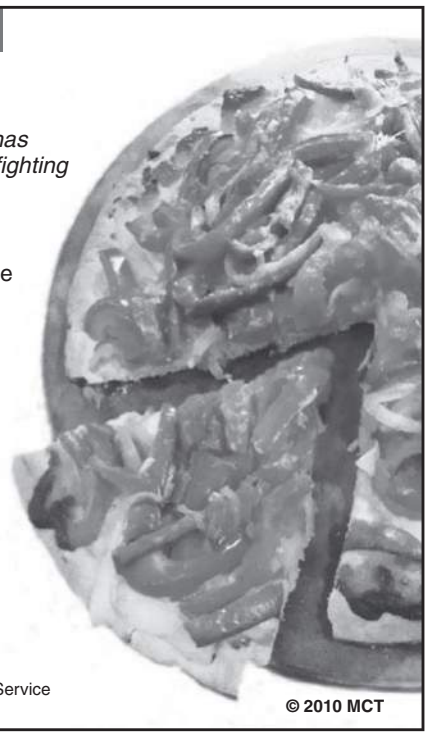
**Healthy Living**

## A better slice

*A group of pizza-loving chemists has discovered how to boost disease-fighting antioxidants in a slice.*

### The recipe

- **Instead of all-purpose flour,** use whole wheat flour, which is higher in antioxidants – substances that counteract the damaging effects of oxidation in our bodies
- **Let the dough rise** for about 18 hours in the refrigerator, in a pan loosely covered with plastic wrap; the longer rising time can double the dough's antioxidants
- **Bake the pizza** at 500 F (260 C) for 6-8 minutes; antioxidants increased by 82 percent when baked at a higher temperature



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IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

## Rosita Borja Deleon Guerrero

**Better known as "Rose"**
was called to her eternal rest on Monday,
September 19, 2011 at the age of 56

***In her new life she now joins her:***

| | |
|---|---|
| Mother: | **Trinidad Arriola Borja** |
| Father: | **Victorino Tudela Borja** |
| Brother: | **Juan A. Borja** |
| Father in law: | **Joaquin Cabrera Deleon Guerrero** |
| Mother in law: | **Consolacion Iglecias Deleon Guerrero** |
| Brother in law: | **Julian A. Concepcion** |
| | **Herman Pablo** |
| Nephews: | **Joey S. Borja** |
| | **Patrick DLG. Pablo** |

***Her spirit and memories will forever live in the heart of her:***

| | |
|---|---|
| Husband: | **Joaquin (Kilroy) Iglecias Deleon Guerrero** |
| Children & Spouses: | **Trina & Peter W. Torres, Jr.** (Jaylynn & Keona) |
| | **Kilroy (Champ) B. Deleon Guerrero** |
| | **Victoria & Vidal Joseph P. Camacho** (Vidal Joseph, Jr., Vayden) |
| | **Joaquin B. Deleon Guerrero Jr.** |
| Sisters & Brothers: | **Victoria B. & †Julian A. Concepcion & Children** |
| | **Lucia B. & Gregory W. Hurst & Children** |
| | **Joseph A. & Evelyn S. Borja & Children** |
| | **Juan A. & Jessica P. Borja & Children** |
| Sisters & Brothers In-Laws: | **Alfredo I. & Remedios R. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Artemio I. & Mercedes SN. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Delfina DLG. & Mike Sherman & Children (Guam)** |
| | **Rosa DLG. & †Herman Pablo & Children (Guam)** |
| | **Rita O. & Antonio Rivera (San Diego)** |
| | **Jose I. & Susana V. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Crispin I. & Catherine F. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Efrain I. & Hilda G. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Winniefreda DLG. & Felix Mediola & Children (Rota)** |
| | **Lorenzo I. & Sinforosa V. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Begonia I. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Antonio I. & Lourdes S. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Jesus I. & Josepha C. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |
| | **Juan I. & Viola S. Deleon Guerrero & Children** |

***She is also survived by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Godchildren.***

Daily mass of intention will be at 6:00 am and nightly rosary will be at 7:30 pm at Kristo Rai Church.

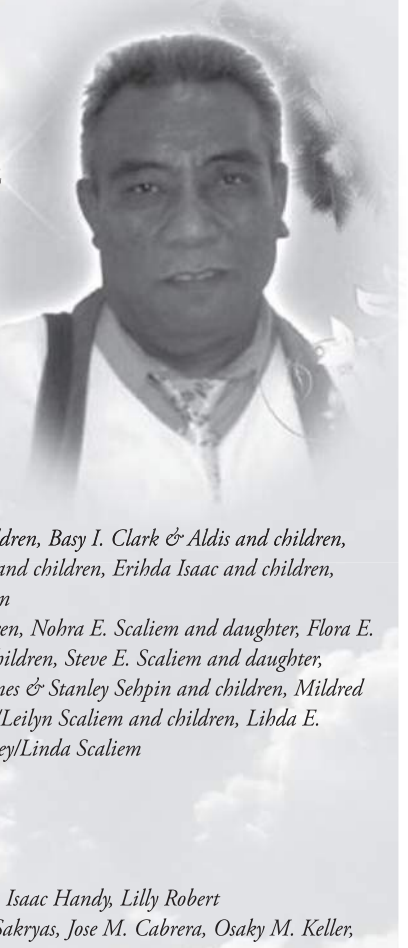
Last respects and viewing will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 7:30 am, followed by the Responso and Holy Rosary. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am, followed by the burial at the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery at Marpi.

**Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.**

*Death and Funeral Announcement*

## WP. Johnny D. Isaac

***August 19, 1961 – September 19, 2011***



*Nightly prayers is being offered at 7:30PM at the United Church of Christ at Kannat Tabla.*

***Survived by:***
***Wife:*** *Rosally F. Isaac*
***Mother In-Law:*** *Mariana E. Scaliem*
***Children:*** *Roselyn J. Isaac (Jefferson Peter), Jeffrey J. Isaac, Sonia Marie J. Isaac, Sharon Mae J. Isaac*
***Brothers, Sister and In Laws:*** *SP. Edgar Isaac & Hermite and children, Basy I. Clark & Aldis and children, Medilihda I. Sakryas and children, Erwhine Isaac and children, Erihda Isaac and children, Sehra Isaac and children, Abner Robert and children*
***Brothers and Sisters In-Laws:*** *Kohlen/Lolihda Fredrick and children, Nohra E. Scaliem and daughter, Flora E. Scaliem and children, Margarita S. Cabrera and children, Steve E. Scaliem and daughter, Fernando/ Mayleen Scaliem and children, Maria Ines & Stanley Sehpin and children, Mildred Keller and children, Christina Elnei and son, Leon/Leilyn Scaliem and children, Lihda E. Scaliem, Macario/Jane Scaliem and children, Stanley/Linda Scaliem*

***Pre Deceased by:***
***Parents:*** *Dimios & Esy Abraham Isaac*
***Parents In- Law:*** *Gays E. Scaliem, Pedere & Lihner E. Fredrick*
***Brothers & Sisters:*** *Sohsy Isaac, Aichy Isaac, Sohrim Isaac, Lidihna Isaac Handy, Lilly Robert*
***Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law:*** *Mahdin Handy, Misihma Sakryas, Jose M. Cabrera, Osaky M. Keller,*
***Nephew:*** *Faustino Isaac*
***Grand Niece:*** *Vic Ashley Yens*

***Wake:*** *Monday, September 26, 2011 at 4:00PM. Body will be escorted from CHC to Kannat Tabla – UCCPS*

*Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 10:00AM at the United Church of Christ in Kannat Tabla. Burial service will be at the Tanapag Public Cemetery at 11:00AM*

*KELANGEN & THANK YOU*

***The Family***

# Life & Style

## AP Interview: Spears looking forward to 30

By HILARY FOX and NICKI FINLAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LONDON** (AP)—The singer who created a sensation when she hit the music world in pigtails and knee socks is turning 30—and Britney Spears says she's looking forward to it.

The U.S. pop star will be on the South American leg of her "Femme Fatale" world tour as she celebrates the landmark birthday on Dec. 2.

"I hear the older you get, the wiser you get and the more you know what you want—so hopefully it'll be a good year," the woman who was once one of the Internet's most-searched names told The Associated Press.

Spears kicks off a string of European tour dates Thursday in St. Petersburg, but is not scheduled to play on the birthday itself. She has spent the summer performing across North America to generally positive reviews.

"The audiences have been just amazing, they've been so great to bounce off of and the energy I get from them, it's great, it's really cool," she said.

Her seventh studio album, "Femme Fatale," debuted at No. 1 in the U.S. Billboard charts and globally, and Spears targeted it at her female fans.

"With the big picture of being "Femme Fatale," I think it is really inspiring for girls all together feeling very empowered and having a voice and being heard," she said.

The singer was in London to promote her U.K. gigs, which include two in October at London's O2 Arena. After Russia, she tours across Europe—from Hungary and France to Sweden, Germany and Britain—before heading to South America in November.

With more than 35 gigs left to play before her final date—Dec. 10 in San Juan, Puerto Rico—it's a demanding schedule, and staying healthy and fit is high on her agenda.

"I have a good group of people around me, and we have the show at a certain time every night and we just try to stay consistent on having a routine and staying fit and healthy," she said.

A former child performer, Spears shot to international fame with her 1999 debut album, "Baby One More Time." The hits kept coming including "Oops!.. I Did It Again" and "Toxic," but her personal life spiraled out of control. She lost temporary custody of her two young boys, had spells in rehab, and was admitted to a psychiatric ward.

AP

In this March 27, 2011, file photo singer Britney Spears performs on ABC's "Good Morning America" show at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco.

Four years after that public meltdown, Spears is looking forward. And with more than 70 million albums already sold, she says the pressure is off.

"You know, I don't really have anything to prove at this point, so it's like I just do it for fun and just see what happens," she said.

## WikiLeaks chief denies sex allegations in memoir

**LONDON** (AP)—WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange says in a new memoir that he did not sexually assault two women who have accused him of rape, and he claims he was warned the U.S government was trying to entrap him.

"Julian Assange: The Unauthorized Autobiography" went on sale in Britain Thursday—against the wishes of Assange, who condemned his publisher for releasing it.

In the book—written by a ghostwriter who conducted 50 hours of interviews with the WikiLeaks chief—Assange says "I may be a chauvinist pig of some sort but I am no rapist."

He calls the rape allegations "ludicrous and sinister" and says his two accusers "each had sex with me willingly and were happy to hang out with me afterwards."

Assange, 40, claims a Western intelligence contact warned him that the American government, angered by WikiLeaks' release of secret documents, was considering dealing with him "illegally" through rigged drug or sex allegations.

But he also says the sex charges may be the result of "a terrible misunderstanding that was stoked up" between his accusers.

WikiLeaks and its silver-haired frontman shot to worldwide prominence with a series of spectacular leaks of secret U.S. material, including the publication of about 250,000 classified State Department cables.

Assange has also become enmeshed in financial and legal woes, including the allegations of rape and sexual misconduct made last year by two Swedish women.

Assange was arrested and briefly jailed over the allegations in Britain in December. He is currently out on bail and living at a supporter's mansion in eastern England as he awaits a judge's decision on whether he will be extradited to Sweden. A ruling is expected within weeks.

Assange

The book, for which Assange says he agreed to advances of more than $1 million, was intended to help salvage WikiLeaks' precarious finances. But after seeing the first draft, Assange got cold feet. Attempts to renegotiate the book deal were unsuccessful.

Assange accused his British publisher, Canongate, of "opportunism and duplicity" for publishing the unfinished book without his approval.

In a statement released to The Associated Press, he said the publisher had acted "in breach of contract, in breach of confidence, in breach of my creative rights and in breach of personal assurances."

Canongate said that since Assange had not repaid his advance—which was handed over to lawyers to help pay his legal fees—it had decided to publish the book.

Assange's U.S. publisher, Alfred A. Knopf, said it had canceled its contract with Assange and would not be releasing the memoir.

Canongate said it used extensive secrecy measures, including encrypted laptops and a ban on Internet communication, to ensure the news did not leak. Retailers were only told about the book a day in advance, and Assange said he was unaware it was being published until Wednesday afternoon.

"We have had books delivered under a level of security before, but not to this height," said Jon Howells, spokesman for the Waterstone's book store chain. "In publishing terms this is real 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy' stuff."

The book traces Assange's life from his Australian childhood as the son of roving puppeteers through his time as a teenage computer hacker to the founding of the secret-spilling website and its release of war logs from Iraq and Afghanistan and other secret documents.

It also recounts Assange's fallout with media partners including The Guardian and New York Times newspapers, which had helped edit and publish the site's trove of secret documents.

News York Times editor Bill Keller, Assange says, turned from "hungry collaborator to ungrateful avenger." The Guardian staff are described as "lily-livered gits hiding in their glass offices."

Assange notes angrily that WikiLeaks' former media partners "thought of us as a bunch of weird hackers and sexual delinquents."

The book includes an account of Assange's nine days in London's Wandsworth Prison in December, where he reads Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and muses about prison predecessor Oscar Wilde while enduring "a Kafkaesque miasma of passive aggression and hindrance."

Canongate publishing director Nick Davies defended the book as a "nuanced and balanced portrait" of a complex individual.

"He has been portrayed as this Bond villain or a character from a Stieg Larsson novel ... but what comes through here is this very human portrait of Julian, warts and all," he said.

AP

In this Monday, Sept. 12, 2011 file photo, Zooey Deschanel, a cast member in the television series "New Girl," poses at the 7th Annual FOX Fall Eco-Casino Party in Culver City, Calif.

## Deschanel, Montgomery star in new network series

**LOS ANGELES**—Taking a role in the new Fox comedy "New Girl" means Zooey Deschanel has had to put her film career on hold. But it was commitment she was willing to make.

"Literally, reading the pilot script, I was laughing out loud, having such a good time. Every time we rehearse, I have a great time because the writing is so good," Deschanel says. "I felt like they don't make as many movies now as they used to. I know there's just been a huge change in the movie industry, and I don't know if I've ever read a role this good for myself. So I just had to jump on this opportunity because it's an amazing one. And if there's any character I want to play forever and ever and ever, it's this one. So I'm psyched."

"New Girl" launches Tuesday night.

Part of the reason Deschanel's so psyched is that not only does she get to play a fun comedy character, the new girl has a tendency to break into song. Along with her acting work, Deschanel has a musical career that includes writing music for the recent feature film "Winnie the Pooh."

Her character, Jess, uses music in a very different way.

**NEW GIRL**
**9 p.m. EDT Tuesday**
**Fox**

**UNFORGETTABLE**
**10 p.m. EDT Tuesday**
**CBS**

"It's just part of how she expresses herself" Deschanel says. "When there's an awkward moment, she sings. We kind of play with it, like she likes to kind of sort of sing in different styles depending upon her mood and the moment: Ethel Merman, jazz standard, heavy metal."

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Poppy Montgomery will never forget actress Marilu Henner—a consultant for the new CBS drama "Unforgettable," which also premieres Tuesday night.

"Unforgettable" was spawned by Henner's ability to remember everything that's happened to her. She's one of six people in the world diagnosed with Superior Autobiographical Memory.

That kind of mental ability proves to be a curse and blessing for Montgomery's character, Carrie Wells, as she helps solve crimes.

"I was talking to Marilu about this. She says you can sort of run across the surface of a memory, or you can choose to dive into it with this ability. So I think Carrie, a lot of times she'll run across the surface of it until she has to dive into it, and that's where it comes into play in terms of solving crimes and going into what she really saw versus what she wants to remember on the surface of things," Montgomery says.

The series has Montgomery solving cases, similar to "Without a Trace." She was willing to get back to the same type of series because the Carrie Wells character is so different—from the super memory skill to Montgomery's flaming red hair.

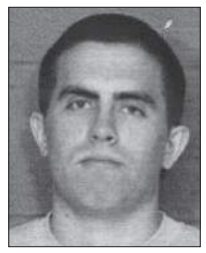
"I like that lone wolf kind of quality she has and the recklessness that she has," Montgomery says

# Couple from '16 and Pregnant' arrested in Arkansas

**JACKSONVILLE, Ark.** (AP)—A couple featured on the first season of the MTV reality show "16 and Pregnant" have lost their child to the state and face criminal charges after officers serving a search warrant found their home was filled with feces, flies and maggots, police said Thursday.

Joshua Rendon and Ebony Jackson-Rendon, now both 19, were charged Tuesday after the search of their home at the Little Rock Air Force Base. The Arkansas Department of Human Services took custody of their 2-year-old child, who was born while the TV show was taping. Rendon is a member of the Air Force.

They face felony charges of maintaining a drug premises and unauthorized use of another's property to facilitate a crime. They're also charged with misdemeanor child endangerment, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.


Rendon

Jackson-Rendon

Officers obtained the search warrant after being called in by base officials.

Jacksonville police Capt. Kenny Boyd said officers found one gram of synthetic marijuana, empty packaging and pipes allegedly used to smoke the controlled substance.

Boyd also said the home was in "deplorable" condition. Human and animal feces were on the floors and walls in each room, and animal control officers took away three dogs that were kept inside, Boyd said. The house was full of flies, with collections of maggots in a number of areas, he said.

Rendon said over the phone Thursday that "it's not in our best interest" to talk about the case.

MTV confirmed they were the same teenagers who appeared on "16 and Pregnant."

Rendon's desire to join the Air Force was an element in the show. He and Jackson-Rendon lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., which is home to the Air Force Academy. An MTV bio calls Jackson-Rendon a "military brat," who lived with her mother but spent most of her time with Rendon, who was her fiance at the time.

They both had planned to enlist in the Air Force, but a recruiter told them only one of them could because Jackson-Rendon was pregnant.

A court appearance for them is scheduled for Oct. 6, when they may enter a plea. Both are free on $8,000 bond, Boyd said. Neither had an attorney listed.

## Rio de Janeiro prepares to host Rock in Rio again

**RIO DE JANEIRO** (AP)—Brazil is getting ready for the return of Rock in Rio, an extravaganza headlined by Elton John, Katy Perry and Shakira that is billed as the world's biggest music festival.

The festival that opens Friday also includes Rihanna, Stevie Wonder, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Metallica, Guns N' Roses and Coldplay, performing before an audience expected to total some 700,000 by the time it closes on Oct. 2.

The festival began in Rio de Janeiro in January 1985. The military dictatorship that had governed Brazil for two decades had just ended, and 1.4 million people showed up to celebrate their newfound freedom at a concert that brought international attractions like Queen and AC/DC to Brazil for the first time.

It was held twice more in Rio before moving to Portugal and Spain, where six festivals were held between 2004 and 2010.

## Total Recall: Schwarzenegger memoir coming in 2012

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Arnold Schwarzenegger has a book deal.

The bodybuilder, actor, former California governor and estranged husband of Maria Shriver has an agreement with Simon & Schuster to publish a memoir in October 2012. According to Simon & Schuster, the book's working title is "Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story." Schwarzenegger is collaborating with Peter Petre, who has worked on best sellers by former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf. Schwarzenegger began the book last year.

Financial terms were not disclosed. The publisher is billing the book as "a larger-than-life portrait of his illustrious, controversial and ever-entertaining life in and out of the public eye."

## Denzel, Ron Howard launch Boys & Girls Club's PSA

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Denzel Washington still applies the same principles in his acting career that he learned when he was a third grader in the Boys & Girls Club of America.

Now, the Oscar-winning actor along with director Ron Howard want to show how the club has impacted his life along with 20 other celebrities and entertainers, who were once members of the club.

Washington, the club's national spokesman, took part Wednesday in the debut of the club's campaign public service announcement called "Great Future Start Here." The PSA, which was directed by Howard, looks to draw awareness to the high school dropout rate, childhood obesity and youth violence.

"I want to be part of a solution," Washington said in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C., after the launch of the announcement. "I want to take the positive approach in regards to these kids. They inspire me. We can't focus on the problem. We have to focus on the solution."

Washington said when he was a member of the Mount Vernon, N.Y., club as a third grader, his track coach made a difference in his life just when he was trying out for a relay team.

"This new kid who joined the track team was faster than me, and I was worried about it," Washington said. "But my mentor basically told me that my natural ability would only take me so far without the fundamentals. ... Today, I still use those same lessons thanks to what I learned from my mentor at the club."

The video also features Jennifer Lopez, Shaquille O'Neal, Martin Sheen, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Mario Lopez, Ne-Yo, Lucille O'Neal, Ashanti, Gen. Wesley Clark, Kerry Washington, Shaun White, Misty Copeland, John Paul DeJoria, Smokey Robinson, C.C. Sabathia, Courtney Vance, Edward James Olmos, Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Cuba Gooding Jr.

The music for the spot includes Beyonce's single "I Was Here" from her latest album, "4."

Howard, who was never a member of the Boys & Girls Club, said he was compelled to support the club once he understood the impact of the organization.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### 'American Chopper' star sued by upstate NY town

**NEWBURGH, N.Y.** (AP)—Reality TV star Paul Teutul Sr. and his business Orange County Choppers are being sued over a tax dispute with the upstate New York town where they're headquartered. The Town of Newburgh is seeking about $18,000 of an unpaid "payment in lieu of taxes" on Orange County Choppers' $12.5 million headquarters. The town accuses the star of "American Chopper" of a "long-standing pattern and practice of defrauding creditors." A lawyer for Teutel tells the Times Herald-Record of Middletown ( http://bit.ly/qM23Xg ) that the accusation is baseless. He says they intend to pay the town. Orange County Choppers Realty received a tax break on the building to pay a set annual sum for public services. The suit says the corporation failed to pay the fee due Jan. 1.

### Ted Haggard to appear on wife swap television show

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** (AP)—Former megachurch pastor Ted Haggard and Hollywood actor Gary Busey are trading partners for a week for an upcoming edition of ABC-TV's "Celebrity Wife Swap." Haggard's wife Gayle will temporarily move in with Busey. It was unclear if the actor's longtime girlfriend would be the one to stay with Haggard under the arrangement. Haggard's New Life Church in Colorado Springs had about 14,000 followers when he resigned in 2006 after a man said Haggard paid him for sex for more than three years. The reality show isn't about infidelity, but about wives experiencing daily life in another wife's home. The Denver Post says the network and the production company confirmed the program plans.

### A new manager is named as 'The Office' premieres

**NEW YORK** (AP)—NBC and Dunder Mifflin have announced the new manager of the Scranton office of the make-believe paper company portrayed in "The Office." It's dim-witted salesman Andy Bernard, played by cast member Ed Helms. The reveal was made on Thursday's season premiere of the NBC comedy, completing a transition process that began with last season's departure by long-time series star Steve Carell. In July, NBC announced it had signed James Spader as a full-time cast member. He reprises his guest role as manipulative Robert California, who over the summer was hired as the office's new regional manager. But quickly on the eighth-season premiere, he wangled a promotion to CEO of Sabre, the parent corporation of Dunder Mifflin. This left the manager's position vacant again. Andy Bernard was California's surprise choice.

### Lars von Trier retracts apology for Hitler remarks

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Lars von Trier is taking back his apology for saying at the Cannes Film Festival he sympathizes with Adolf Hitler. Earlier this year at Cannes, the Danish filmmaker said he had believed he was Jewish until his mother told him on her deathbed that he wasn't. He said his German ancestry made him "sympathize with (Hitler) a little bit." He added that he supports Jews. Von Trier, who was showcasing his film "Melancholia," apologized, but was banned for the rest of the festival and declared "persona non grata." But in the October issue of GQ magazine, von Trier says he's not sorry, only that he wishes he had made clear he was joking. He says, "I can't be sorry for what I said. It's against my nature."

# Daughter's third pregnancy crosses the line for parents

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY**: Our daughter "Bree" has just announced that she's pregnant with her third child. Her other children are 1 and 2. My wife and I are in our 60s and provide chi1d care three days a week, while the other grandma baby-sits for two days. We also pay for preschool and swimming lessons, as well as cook dinner for them on the days when we baby-sit.

Bree and her husband do not earn enough money to support even one child. We know we'll be expected to finance college for the children. When we agreed to help out, we asked them to promise they would not have more than two kids. This third one will cause us to use up our savings, increase our child care responsibilities and take us into our 80s to continue helping. Is it wrong to feel used? I am very depressed over this.

OVERWHELMED IN SAN DIEGO

**DEAR OVERWHELMED: Your depression is understandable. If you don't draw the line now by telling your daughter you can't handle baby-sitting three small children and this wasn't part of the bargain, she may hand you a fourth or fifth to take care of.**

**You should not sacrifice your retirement savings in order to finance your grandchildren's education. There are other options than your paying for it. The responsibilities you have assumed were not yours in the first place. If you don't insist your daughter and son-in-law stand on their own two feet, you will wind up old, broke, and living on Social Security with nothing to supplement it because your savings will be gone.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: My fiance, "Johnny," and I have been together for four years and engaged for 16 months. Our wedding is in a few months. Until recently, Johnny didn't have access to a car. That means for the past four years I have done all the driving, including visiting him at school two hours from my home every three to four weeks.

It didn't bother me because it was out of Johnny's control; his money went to pay for his education. However, because he has a car now, I feel it's reasonable to ask that he do most—though not all—of the driving. We live in the same town now and our homes are a mile apart.

Johnny seems to take offense at the suggestion and acts as if I am "punishing" him. I'm not, but I'm tired of driving all the time and would like a break now that he can give me one. What do you think?

AT THE WHEEL AGAINST MY WILL

**DEAR AT THE WHEEL: Johnny has grown accustomed to, and spoiled by, the chauffeur service you have provided. That he should assume responsibility for his share of the driving now that he has a car of his own is not an onerous request.**

**Although you have been together four years, the two of you need to have a talk and work this out. And because you have been apart for the years he has been in school, I also recommend that you schedule premarital counseling before the wedding—in case there are any other "differences of opinion" that need to be worked out.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I'll be 40 this year and I'm experiencing a midlife crisis. I have been married for 19 years, but realized several months ago that I haven't been happy in years.

I want to make some changes in my life, but I'm insecure about going it alone after so many years. I have been feeling a strong need to be on my own for a while to explore my passions and options. Any advice on how to explain this to my husband?

IN FLUX IN PENNSYLVANIA

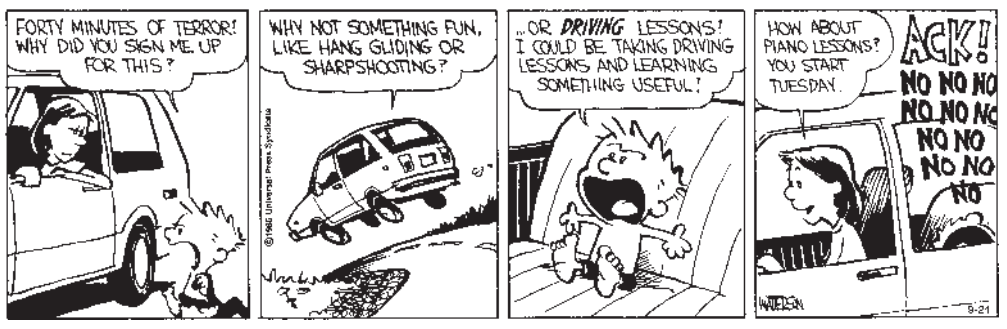
**DEAR IN FLUX: Before you throw away a marriage of nearly 20 years, please discuss this with a licensed therapist. Your therapist can help you decide what to do. While you may tell your husband this isn't about him—it's about you—he is sure to take the news very personally. And once you have separated in order to explore your passions and options, he will do the same, and it may not be possible to "go home" again.**

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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WHY NOT SOMETHING FUN, LIKE HANG GLIDING OR SHARPSHOOTING?
...OR DRIVING LESSONS! I COULD BE TAKING DRIVING LESSONS AND LEARNING SOMETHING USEFUL!
HOW ABOUT PIANO LESSONS? YOU START TUESDAY.
ACK! NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO
WATTERSON
9-21

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

BARK! BARK! BARK!
OOPS!
THAT WAS EMBARRASSING
I WAS BARKING AT MY REFLECTION IN THE WINDOW
I DON'T BLAME YOU
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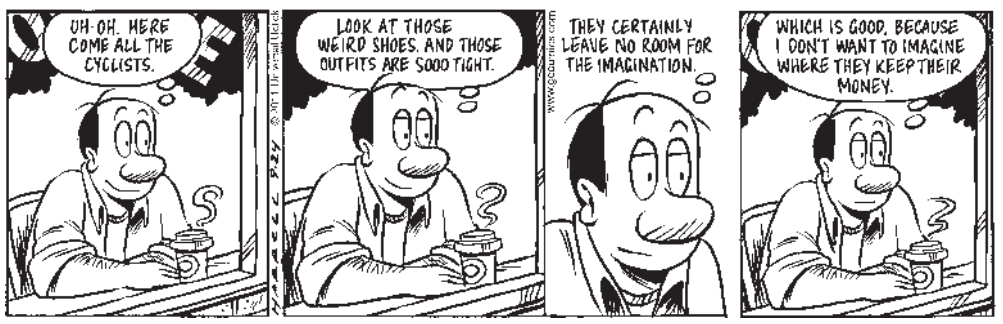
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


UH-OH. HERE COME ALL THE CYCLISTS.
LOOK AT THOSE WEIRD SHOES. AND THOSE OUTFITS ARE SOOO TIGHT.
THEY CERTAINLY LEAVE NO ROOM FOR THE IMAGINATION.
WHICH IS GOOD, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO IMAGINE WHERE THEY KEEP THEIR MONEY.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
HUH?
LET ME REPHRASE THAT.
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT HOT GIRLS OR FOOTBALL?
HOT GIRLS PLAYING FOOTBALL.

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**

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16 Metallica drummer Ulrich
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32 Open the barn door
33 Acid type
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55 Sculpture medium
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45 Storyteller
46 Farm fraction
47 Teller's partner
49 Peacock network

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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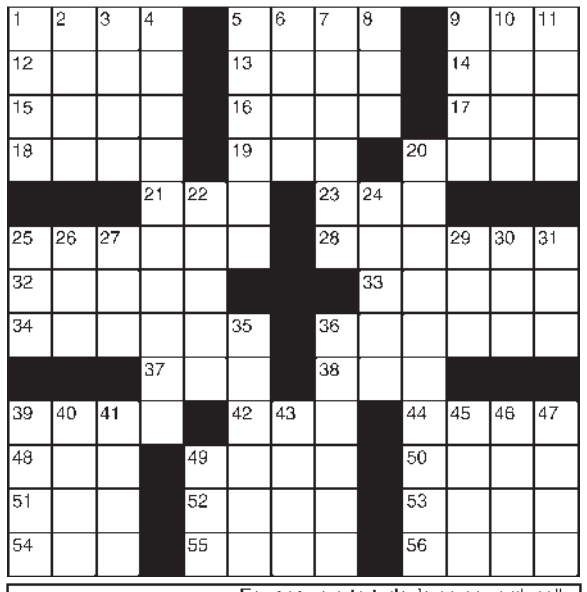
Yesterday's answer 9-24



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Spencer Treat Clark, 24; Erin Chambers, 32; Nia Vardalos, 49; Kevin Sorbo, 53.

**Happy Birthday**: Don't let frustration lead to overdoing, overindulgence or overspending. Consider all the costs involved in any move you want to make. You can win if you make wise choices. Avoid trying to show off to impress someone eager to take advantage of you. Use your head, not your heart. Your numbers are 3, 11, 23, 27, 38, 40, 46.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Try something new and participate in activities that allow you to show your talents. Love is in the stars, and socializing is a must. You will impress the person who means the most to you. Generosity of heart will overrule material options. ✪✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Overindulgence could lead to health problems. Too much of anything will be met with disaster. Avoid arguments and strive to keep the peace. There is no point trying to win a losing battle. Take care of your chores and avoid trouble. ✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Socialize and do things you enjoy. Children or friends who share your interests will bring great pleasure. Make tiny changes that will improve your looks or mindset and you will receive compliments from someone who counts. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Don't expect everyone to agree with you, especially when it comes to plans and money matters. Compromise or take a pass and relax at home with a good book. Changes you don't relish must be dealt with head-on to avoid ongoing anxiety. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Your varied mood should be closely monitored before you act. You can have a spectacular day, or you can overreact and miss out. If you make smart choices and choose friends wisely, you will excel personally. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Go over whatever you've left undone. You may be called upon to prove something, so be prepared. An opportunity to meet with someone you respect will also help you realize how much you have to offer and how far you can advance. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You'll be able to charm others and persuade everyone to help out. A strong message sent to someone you care about will bring you closer together and help you plan for the future. A job opportunity is evident. Network all you can. ✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Your preoccupation with something or someone is likely to anger someone you are neglecting. Don't wait until you have a fight on your hands. Make sure you include whoever depends on you. A partnership can bring you good fortune. ✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Take pride in your attributes and use them. You will impress onlookers who can help you. Socializing with peers and mixing business with pleasure will lead to interesting new beginnings. Travel plans can be made. ✪✪✪✪✪

## EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You'll attract complainers. Don't get angry; get busy and avoid the frustration. Put your money in a safe place and don't let anyone make you feel guilty. Opportunity begins with you. Do your best and you'll have no regrets. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Let intuition lead the way. Avoid people who have been unfair, as well as anyone putting demands on you. You can make a life-altering change and set yourself on a better path if you choose your friends wisely. Love looks promising. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Remembering old friends, goals and pastimes will help you set your path now. Going back can be good if it brings greater security and the support you require to reach your goals. Welcome change and make it happen. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are charming, aggressive and unique. You have a good eye and an interesting way of balancing your life.

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# SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/24

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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| 5 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**MADAME TUSSAUDS** **Solution: 10 letters**

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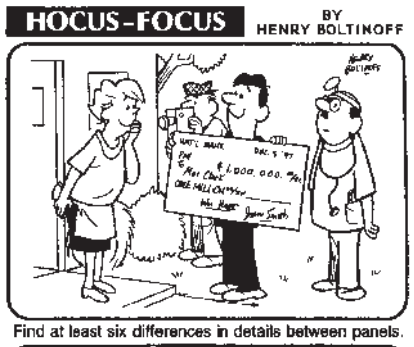
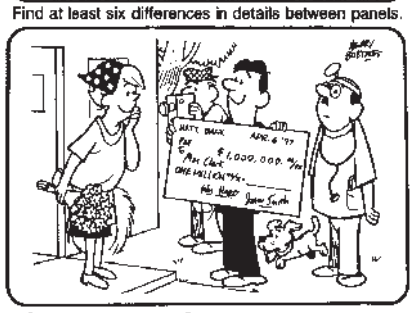
**Yesterday's Answer: Cilantro**

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Woman is wearing a kerchief. 2. She is carrying flowers. 3. A dog has appeared. 4. Date on check is different. 5. Tree is larger. 6. Shrub is missing.

## Wishing Well®

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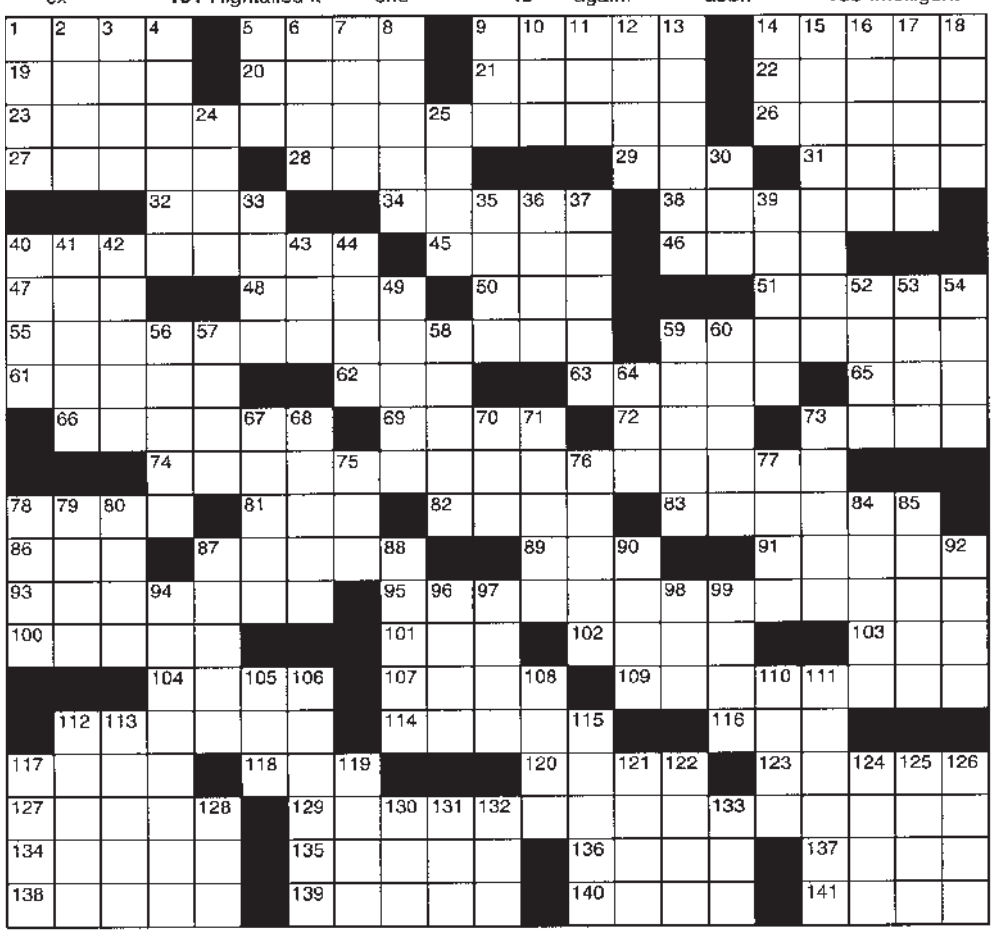
## Super Crossword — TITLED TITLES

**ACROSS**

1 Actor Postlethwaite
5 Amonasro's daughter
9 Tracking tool
14 Looked like Lothario?
19 Sore
20 Hose problem
21 Lissome
22 Uccello or Veronese
23 Eugene O'Neill drama
26 Hangs tinsel
27 British astronomer
28 Cipher
29 Baby shark
31 Manumit
32 Ike's domain
34 Nom de crime?
38 More delicate
40 "Rawhide" and "Gunsmoke"
45 — Flynn Boyle
46 Hoffmann creation
47 "Ab —" (from the start)
48 Sock spot
50 Bar supply
51 George Hamilton's ex
55 Roger Miller tune
59 Joseph Conrad novel
61 Steep slope
62 With 25 Down, successful
63 Steeple part
65 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
66 Musical chords
69 Skip
72 Rock's — Leppard
73 Spouses no more
74 C.S. Forester book
78 Certain orchestra
81 Baseball stat
82 Ward of "Sisters"
83 Rang
86 Castilian cry
87 Actress Burke
89 Item in a lock
91 Exodus figure
93 Stevie Wonder song
95 Hal Foster comic strip
100 Ponchielli's "Dance of the —"
101 Hightailed it
102 Belfry sound
103 Hog's honey
104 "How sweet —!"
107 React to an allergen
109 "Madame Bovary" author
112 Pepsin or lipase
114 Operetta composer
116 Vane dir.
117 Schwarzenegger's birthplace
118 Dino, to the Flintstones
120 Catherine — -Jones
123 Damocles' dangler
127 "— Gay"
129 Phoebe Cates film
134 Microwave feature
135 Chilling
136 Tombstone lawman
137 Harvest
138 Earthquake
139 Patriot Silas
140 Tare's relative
141 Rochester's missis

**DOWN**

1 Walkway
2 Resound
3 He and she
4 A hole near the sole
5 Bit part in "Cleopatra"?
6 Singer Foxx
7 Venture
8 Where Athenians assembled
9 Scott's "The — Quartet"
10 Past
11 Clamor
12 Evelyn's brother
13 Upshot
14 Select, with "for"
15 20th President
16 Chateau valley
17 Glue guy
18 Health measure?
24 Dole (out)
25 See 62 Across
30 Ram's remark
33 "Carmina Burana" composer
35 Shakespearean villain
36 Schipa solo
37 Tuneful Tommy
39 Irish county
40 Yan's pans
41 Dislodge
42 Submarine finder
43 "— again!"
44 Manhattan district
49 High-toned guy?
52 Sophoclean tragedy
53 Pleasant
54 Mingo's portrayer
56 Southern staple
57 Colorful fish
58 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
59 Capt.'s subordinate
60 Gluck's "— ed Euridice"
64 Bogus Bach
67 Jacobi of "I, Claudius"
68 Black
70 Cola cooler
71 Raptor feature
73 Chou —
75 In good shape
76 Civil Rights org.
77 Israeli airline
78 Ritzy
79 Hodgepodge
80 Lima's land
84 Work on a crossword?
85 Patron
87 Fresh from the trail
88 Taxing time?
90 Scuba site
92 Package abbr.
94 Pours gently
96 Figure of interest?
97 Move like molasses
98 Kilmer or Bisoglio
99 Word of woe
105 Mischief-maker
106 Trickled
108 Mist
110 "Back in the —" ('68 song)
111 "Watch out!"
112 Cartoonist Bushmiller
113 Campbell or Judd
115 Alarm button
117 Understands
119 "Lemon —" ('65 hit)
121 Obsolete title
122 Lot size
124 Carry out orders
125 Circus sound
126 Waterproofing material
128 Shrug part
130 Private pension
131 Palindromic diarist
132 Artichoke heart?
133 Intelligent



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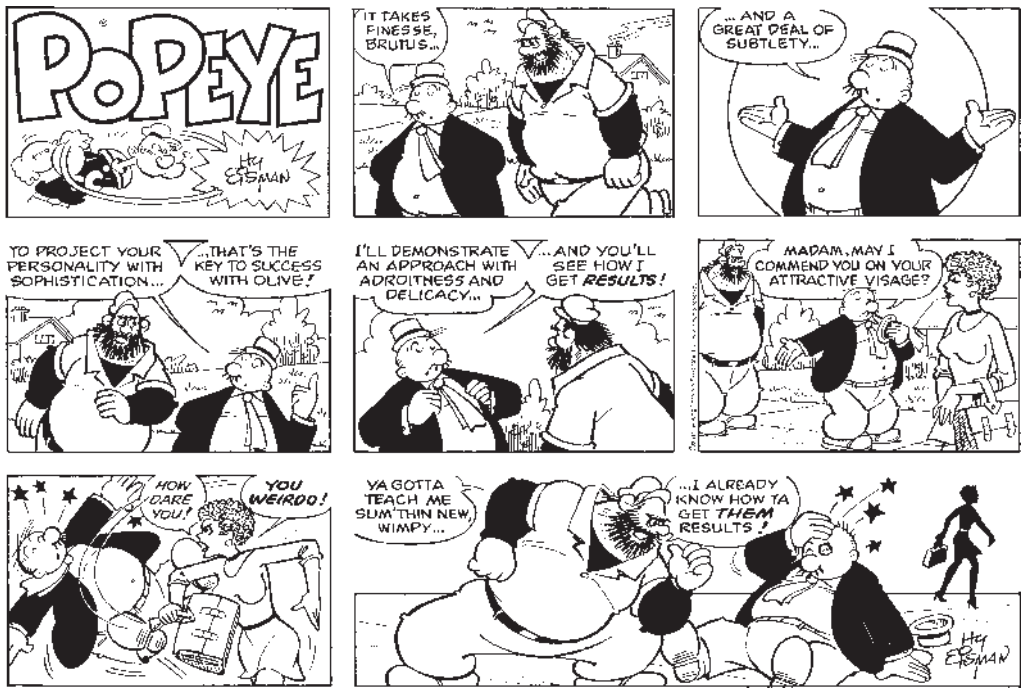
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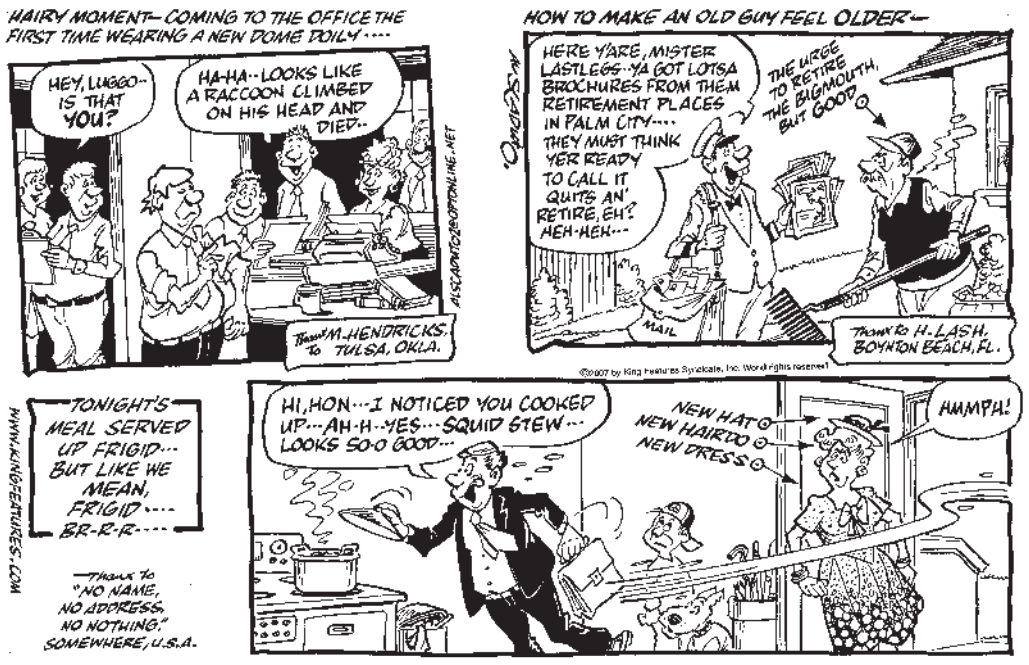
Hy EISMAN
IT TAKES FINESSE, BRUTUS...
...AND A GREAT DEAL OF SUBTLETY...
TO PROJECT YOUR PERSONALITY WITH SOPHISTICATION...
...THAT'S THE KEY TO SUCCESS WITH OLIVE!
I'LL DEMONSTRATE AN APPROACH WITH ADROITNESS AND DELICACY...
...AND YOU'LL SEE HOW I GET RESULTS!
MADAM, MAY I COMMEND YOU ON YOUR ATTRACTIVE VISAGE?
HOW DARE YOU!
YOU WEIRDO!
YA GOTTA TEACH ME SUM'THIN NEW, WIMPY...
...I ALREADY KNOW HOW TA GET THEM RESULTS!

They'll Do It Every Time — by Al Scaduto


HAIRY MOMENT—COMING TO THE OFFICE THE FIRST TIME WEARING A NEW DOME DOILY....
HEY, LUGGO--IS THAT YOU?
HA-HA--LOOKS LIKE A RACCOON CLIMBED ON HIS HEAD AND DIED..
Thanx M. HENDRICKS, TULSA, OKLA.
HOW TO MAKE AN OLD GUY FEEL OLDER—
HERE YA'RE, MISTER LASTLEGS--YA GOT LOTSA BROCHURES FROM THEM RETIREMENT PLACES IN PALM CITY.... THEY MUST THINK YER READY TO CALL IT QUITS AN' RETIRE, EH? HEH-HEH...
THE URGE TO RETIRE THE BIGMOUTH, BUT GOOD
MAIL
Thanx to H. LASH, BOYNTON BEACH, FL.
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TONIGHT'S MEAL SERVED UP FRIGID... BUT LIKE WE MEAN, FRIGID.... BR-R-R....
Thanx to "NO NAME, NO ADDRESS, NO NOTHING," SOMEWHERE, U.S.A.
HI, HON...I NOTICED YOU COOKED UP...AH-H-YES...SQUID STEW... LOOKS SO-O GOOD...
NEW HAT NEW HAIRDO NEW DRESS
HUMPH!
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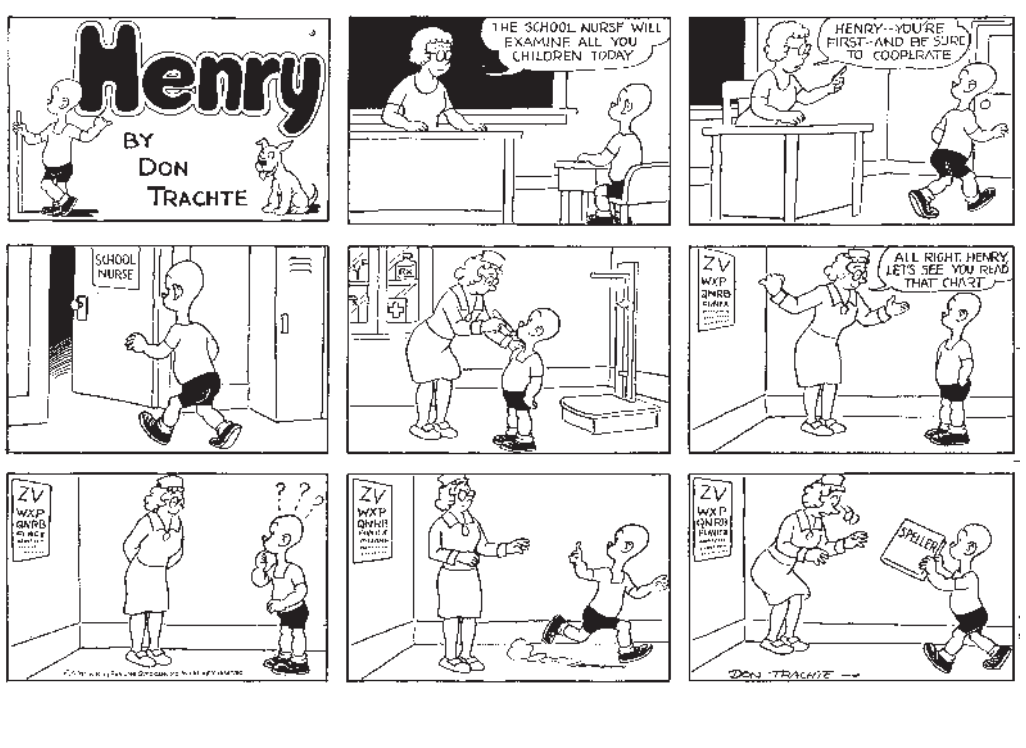
Henry
BY DON TRACHTE
THE SCHOOL NURSE WILL EXAMINE ALL YOU CHILDREN TODAY
HENRY--YOU'RE FIRST--AND BE SURE TO COOPERATE
SCHOOL NURSE
ALL RIGHT, HENRY, LET'S SEE YOU READ THAT CHART
SPELLER
DON TRACHTE

## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What U.S. state lies directly south of South Dakota?
2. HISTORY: Which World War II battle was fought entirely by air?
3. FAMOUS PEOPLE: Martha Jane Burke was better known by what name?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was known as the Maid of Orleans?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"?
6. LANGUAGE: What is something that is mordant?
7. RELIGION: Who was the first canonized saint of the New World?
8. TELEVISION: Who is the voice of Moe in the animated comedy "The Simpsons"?
9. GEOLOGY: What is coal made of originally?
10. POETRY: Who wrote the line, "But only God can make a tree."

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**Answers**

1. Nebraska
2. Battle of Britain
3. Calamity Jane
4. Joan of Arc
5. L. Frank Baum
6. Caustic
7. Rose of Lima
8. Hank Azaria
9. Coal is formed from the remains of trees and plants
10. Joyce Kilmer

**Saturday's Answers**

The Spats — by Jeff Pickering

I THINK OUR CUCKOO CLOCK IS BROKEN.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THE BIRD COMES OUT AND JUST SHRUGS.
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**BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at noon (12pm) on Wednesday September 28, 2011 at Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Mr. Robert Torres, Esq., who serves as counsel to the Commission's regulatory consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group at 670-234-5750.

**AGENDA**

1. Administrative matters:
   a. Call to order – confirmation of quorum & welcoming Mr. Joaquin Manglona as commissioner.
   b. Approval of minutes of June 6, 2011 meeting.
   c. Administrative Resolution: Retention of Commission staff in FY12.
2. Telecommunications:
   - Docket 09-3: USAC Certification: Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation [MTC] and PTI Pacifica, Inc.
   - Docket 11-01: GTA Services LLC's application for certificate of convenience and necessity. Status report per Commission's April 15, 2011 Administrative Resolution.
3. Docket 09-1 – CUC Electric Division. Georgetown LEAC status report.
4. Other business.

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WHATZIT Solution: Generation gap

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# Source: NBA to cancel training camps

**NEW YORK** (AP)—No labor deal, no training camps and no telling what else the NBA could lose.

The lockout is about to start inflicting damage on the preseason schedule—and neither players nor owners can say what will happen to the real games.

The league will cancel training camps and some exhibition games Friday after failing to reach a new collective bargaining agreement with its players, a person with knowledge of the plans told The Associated Press on Thursday on condition of anonymity because the league had yet to announce its plans.

Training camps were expected to begin Oct. 3, and the exhibition openers were set for Oct. 9.

But the cancelations, first reported by Yahoo Sports, became unavoidable after another meeting between players and owners Thursday failed to end the lockout, which began July 1.

While providing no details of the meeting, Commissioner David Stern acknowledged that "the calendar is not our friend" when it comes to keeping the season intact.

Stern said he had "no announcement to make today" regarding any postponements or cancelations, but they became a certainty with no breakthrough Thursday. Talks are not expected to resume until next week.

The league is at about the same point as when it postponed camps in 1998, the only time it lost games to a work stoppage. The decision then came on Sept. 24 for camps that were set to begin Oct. 5.

The regular season is scheduled to open Nov. 1, with the NBA champion Dallas Mavericks hosting the Chicago Bulls in the first game. Though both sides repeatedly have said there is still time for a deal that would leave the regular season unaffected, neither would say so Thursday—with union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers using nearly the same words as Stern about the coming weeks.

"I don't have control of that part of it, that would be more of a Commissioner Stern, Adam Silver question in terms of logistics of starting the season on time," Fisher said. "I'm not going to try and make a guess on that one. The calendar's obviously not our friend, but we're not going to give up on the process because of the time."

Asked again if he thought things were far enough along to still believe in a Nov. 1 start, Stern said: "I don't have any response to that. I just don't. I don't know the answer."

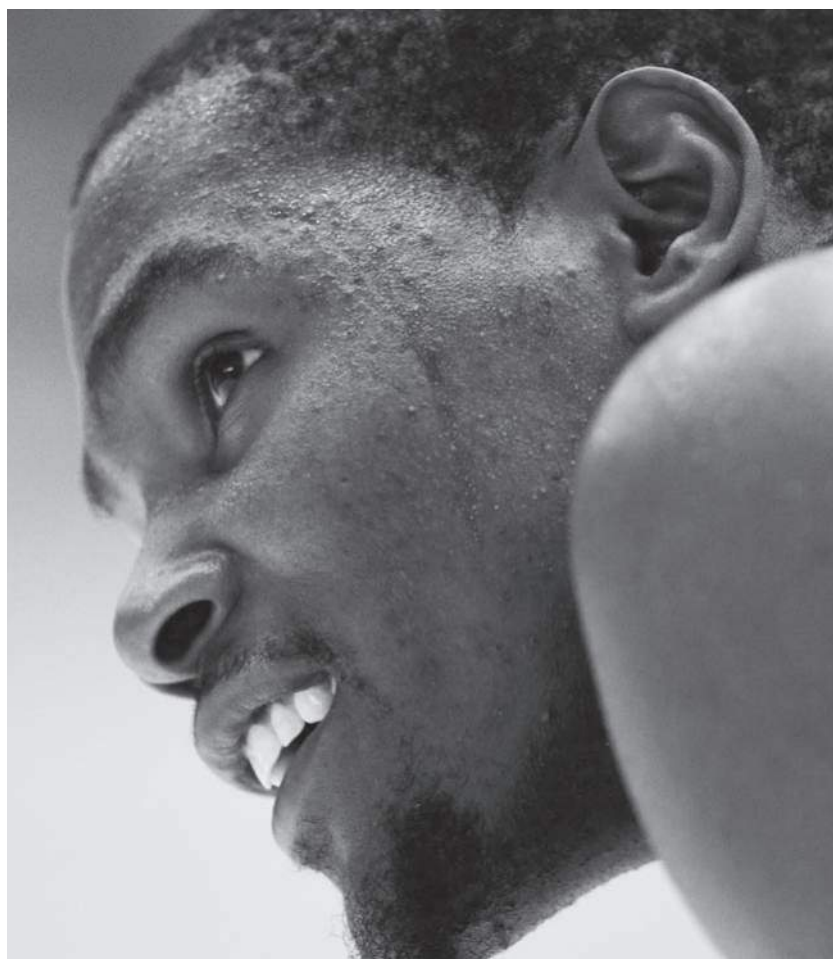
Stern celebrated his 69th birthday Thursday but didn't appear in a festive mood after meeting for about five hours with leaders from the union. He was joined by Silver, the deputy commissioner, Spurs owner Peter Holt, who leads the labor relations committee, and NBA senior vice president and deputy general counsel Dan Rube. Fisher, executive director Billy Hunter, attorney Ron Klempner and economist Kevin Murphy represented the union.

Those small groups had good talks in recent weeks, but things went poorly last Tuesday when they were rejoined by their full committees. Hunter said after that meeting that players planned to make a "significant" financial concession, only to find that owners refused to agree to their condition of leaving the current salary cap system as is.

Fisher said he didn't believe Thursday's talks, following a small meeting Wednesday that included Silver and staff members from both sides, moved the situation beyond where it was last week.

Stern said the owners' labor relations committee would talk Friday, and both sides said they hoped to meet again next week.

"We'll keep working at it until we figure this thing out, but right now there isn't anything to really report or say," Fisher said. "I don't have any answers to any questions, other than we'll keep working until we find some solutions."



AP

Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant looks on during the opposing teams free throw attempt during the second half of an All-Star basketball game featuring NBA players at Coolidge High School, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, in Washington.

# PGA champ Bradley takes lead in Tour Championship

Keegan Bradley waves after completing his first round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

AP

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Keegan Bradley and Jason Dufner atop the leaderboard in Atlanta should sound familiar.

Only this was the FedEx Cup finale, not the final major of the year.

And they were on East Lake, not 40 minutes up the road at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Bradley, who won the PGA Championship last month in a playoff over Dufner, ran off four birdies on the back nine Thursday for a 6-under 64 to build a two-shot lead in the Tour Championship.

Dufner was surprisingly crooked off the tee, yet still managed a 66 and was tied for second along with Chez Reavie and Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world and one of five players in prime position to win the $10 million FedEx Cup bonus.

Bradley and Dufner will be in the last group Friday, and it was impossible to ignore the coincidence.

"Yeah, I don't think there's any big surprise," Bradley said. "He likes this grass, too. He likes these courses, and I hope I get to play with him tomorrow. I think that would be a lot of fun."

It would bring back great memories for Bradley, a 26-year-old rookie. Not so much for Dufner, who had a four-shot lead with three holes to play until he made three straight bogeys and wound up losing in a three-hole playoff.

"Maybe he's having some of the same feelings—very comfortable on this type of golf course ... with the conditions maybe a little more severe at Atlanta Athletic Club off the tee," Dufner said. "But he's having a good day. Hopefully, we'll be paired tomorrow. That will be a little interesting, I guess. Maybe some thoughts here or there will come back and forth."

The Tour Championship is more about memories, however.

Along with this being the end of the FedEx Cup, there's another cup on Bradley's mind. He is not a lock to be a captain's pick for the Presidents Cup, despite having won twice this year, including a major. U.S. captain Fred Couples has said he would consider the Tour Championship as one last audition.

Bradley could not have asked for a better start.

He holed a bunker shot from across the green on his second hole to fire up the fans, most of whom now know his name. After a sloppy three-putt bogey on the eighth, he hammered a 3-wood from 281 yards that rolled past the hole at No. 9 and set up a two-putt birdie, then really put it together on the back nine. He had a pair of short birdie putts, along with a two-putt birdie on the 15th and was feeling the good vibes from a month ago.

He is a long shot to win the FedEx Cup—especially with Donald playing well—but the Presidents Cup is right in front of him, and Bradley feels it.

"The cliche is to say that I'm not thinking about it, but literally probably every third hole—or maybe even less—it pops into my mind," Bradley said. "I really want to be on the team, but I want to earn my way onto the team, just like I'm going to have to. If the captain and assistant captains think I've done enough to get on the team, they're going to pick me.

"And if they don't, that's totally fair, too."

The conditions at East Lake were relatively tame until the final hour, when sprinkles turned to rain and even halted play with the final two groups not finished. Donald returned to play the 18th in a driving rain, and did well to escape with par from the bunker on the par-3 closing hole.

Charles Howell III, who appearance at East Lake guarantees another trip back to Georgia in April for the Masters in his hometown, was at 67 along with Adam Scott, Hunter Mahan, Jason Day and Matt Kuchar.

The group at 68 included another batch of Presidents Cup hopefuls, from Aaron Baddeley on the International team to Bill Haas and Brandt Snedeker on the American side.

Phil Mickelson also shot a 68 and is on Bradley's side—not because he wants him as a captain's pick, but because they appear to share an affinity for golf in Georgia. Mickelson has won the Tour Championship twice at East Lake, along with three Masters and three regular PGA Tour stops in the Atlanta area.

Webb Simpson, No. 1 in the FedEx Cup, bogeyed the last hole for a 69. Of the top five players in the FedEx Cup—all of whom only need to win to collect the $10 million—Dustin Johnson (No. 2) was the only player not to break par. He shot 70.

Luke Donald said he was thinking more about the silver FedEx Cup than the crystal Tour Championship trophy when he arrived at East Lake "because that's what everyone is talking about."

He also got off to a good start, important to him because he opened with a 75 last week at Cog Hill and took himself out of the tournament. Donald still managed to finish fourth.

"I wanted to get off to a faster start, put myself in better position, and I'm glad I did that," Donald said.

# A's beat first-place Rangers to avoid 3-game sweep

**OAKLAND, California** (AP)—Coco Crisp hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning as the Oakland Athletics beat the first-place Texas Rangers 4-3 on Thursday to avoid a series sweep.

The reigning AL champion Rangers had their magic number for winning the West Division reduced to two when the Angels lost to Toronto later Thursday night.

Texas, which started the day with a five-game lead over Los Angeles, headed home for three games with the Mariners before ending the regular season at Anaheim.

Grant Balfour (5-2) pitched a 1-2-3 eighth for the win, then Andrew Bailey finished for his 21st save in 23 chances as the A's snapped Texas' four-game winning streak.

Rangers catcher Yorvit Torrealba left in the eighth after experiencing a headache following a foul tip.

AP

Oakland Athletics' Coco Crisp swings for an RBI single off Texas Rangers' Mike Adams in the eighth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011, in Oakland, Calif.

### Twins 3, Mariners 2

In Minneapolis, Rene Tosoni hit an RBI double with two outs in the ninth inning as Minnesota ended an 11-game losing streak by beating Seattle.

The Twins avoided another sweep and won for just the second time in 17 games. This was the third-longest losing streak in Minnesota's 51-season history, behind a 14-game slide in 1982 and a 13-game drought in 1961, the first year the franchise moved from Washington.

Trevor Plouffe drew a two-out walk from Steve Delabar (1-1) and Tosoni followed with a drive that hopped off the right-field wall. Plouffe slid home, easily beating the relay.

### Rays 15, Yankees 8

In New York, Matt Moore struck out 11 batters in five innings of his first major league start as Tampa Bay unloaded on the watered-down Yankees a night after New York clinched the AL East title.

The Rays avoided a four-game sweep and pulled within two games on idle Boston in the AL wild-card race. Both teams have six games left.

Before this game, New York catcher Russell Martin declared how much he hated the Red Sox and would like to see them miss the playoffs. Tampa Bay took advantage of four Yankees errors and romped.

B.J. Upton was a double shy of the cycle in four at-bats, Ben Zobrist homered among his three hits and Johnny Damon also connected for Tampa Bay. Facing a lineup of backups and rookies, the Rays roughed up Bartolo Colon and led 13-0 in the fifth inning.

### Indians 11, White Sox 2

In Cleveland, Asdrubal Cabrera drove in five runs and Jeanmar Gomez won his fifth straight start as Cleveland beat Chicago to remain in second place in the AL Central.

Cabrera hit a three-run homer and tied his career-high for RBIs. Kosuke Fukudome added three RBIs and Travis Hafner singled for his 1,000th career hit as Cleveland moved 1Ω games ahead of the White Sox.

Fukudome's two-out, two-run single off Philip Humber (9-9) in the fifth inning broke a 2-2 tie.

### Blue Jays 4, Angels 3

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit a game-ending home run in the 12th inning as Toronto dealt Los Angeles another blow in its chase for a playoff berth.

Encarnacion led off the 12th with a drive down the left field line off Garrett Richards (0-2), his 17th homer of the season. Encarnacion turned to watch the ball and with his right arm kept trying to wave it fair. The ball ended up just inside the foul pole.

Shawn Camp (5-3) worked one inning for the win as the Blue Jays improved to 11-0 in extra inning games at home. Toronto is the first team in recorded history to win 10 or more extra-inning home games without a defeat.

### Orioles 6, Tigers 5

In Detroit, J.J. Hardy and Adam Jones homered as Baltimore ruined the Detroit's homecoming.

Back home from a road trip during which they clinched their first division title since 1987, were given a standing ovation when they took the field for the first inning. The crowd of 28,847, though, was the smallest at Comerica Park since June 29.

Zach Britton (11-10) gave up five runs, six hits and four walks in five innings.

Vladimir Guerrero's RBI single scored Hardy in the first, and Hardy's 29th homer made it 2-0 in the third.

Detroit leveled the game with four runs in the fifth, including a long three-run homer by Delmon Young, but Baltimore went back up in the sixth when Reimold beat out a two-out infield single off David Pauley (5-6).

### Cardinals 8, Mets 6

In St. Louis, the St. Louis Cardinals blew a four-run lead in the ninth inning and hurt their wild-card hopes when shortstop Rafael Furcal misplayed a potential double-play grounder, allowing the New York Mets to rally for a win.

Ahead 6-2, the Cardinals walked three batters in helping the Mets take the lead with a six-run burst. Willie Harris drew a walk to begin the inning and capped it with a tie-breaking, two-run single with two outs.

The loss dropped St. Louis two games behind idle Atlanta for the wild card. Each team has six games left. The Cardinals lost for only the third time in 16 games.

The Mets, who had lost nine of their previous 11, came back against three St. Louis relievers.

### Nationals 6, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Brad Peacock, making just his second major league start, pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings and Michael Morse hit a three-run homer as Washington downed Philadelphia.

Roger Bernadina drove in two runs for the Nationals (76-79), who handed the division champions their sixth straight loss. Washington has won five straight overall and eight in a row on the road, and needs to win five of its last six for the organization's first season over .500 since 2003.

Carlos Ruiz had three hits and an RBI for the Phillies (98-58), who clinched their fifth straight NL East title on Saturday night but haven't won since. The season-high six-game skid is Philadelphia's longest since last May and it was the first time the Phillies have been swept in a series of more than two games since last August.

### Astros 9, Rockies 6

In Houston, Carlos Lee doubled and drove in four runs and pinch-hitter Matt Downs knocked in three more as Houston extended Colorado's losing streak to a season-high eight games.

Houston starter Henry Sosa (3-5) yielded a season-high nine hits but allowed just three runs in 6 1-3 innings to end a three-game losing streak.

Wilin Rosario doubled and hit a three-run homer in the eighth to cut Houston's lead to 8-6 and Kevin Kouzmanoff had a solo shot in the seventh.

### Dodgers 8, Giants 2

In Los Angeles, Matt Kemp went 4-for-5 with a two-run homer and a career-high three doubles in his final home game of the season, and Juan Rivera homered and drove in three runs as Los Angeles pushed San Francisco to the brink of elimination in the NL West playoff race.

The Giants open a three-game series at first-place Arizona on Friday and a victory by the Diamondbacks, who were idle Thursday, would eliminate the defending World Series champions.

The Dodgers moved a game over .500 with Hall of Famer Tom Lasorda serving as honorary coach of the team he managed to two World Series titles during his 20-year tenure.

Hiroki Kuroda (13-16) allowed two runs and five hits in seven-plus innings to extend his career high in wins.

# Calif. agents track pot parcel to Bengal's home

**CINCINNATI** (AP)—For authorities tracking a marijuana shipment from California, the trail ended unexpectedly at the home of a Cincinnati Bengals player in suburban northern Kentucky where police say they found more drugs.

No arrests have been made. Police were still investigating the case Thursday that has entangled Bengals wide receiver Jerome Simpson, a North Carolina native in his fourth NFL season. A package containing 2 1/2 pounds of marijuana was tracked to Simpson's home.

The case is being investigated by police at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, along with local authorities.

A Bengals spokesman said the club was aware of the reports but had no comment. Calls to Simpson's agent went unreturned. Simpson was excused from practice on Thursday to deal with the matter. It was unclear whether he would be available for a game Sunday against San Francisco at Paul Brown Stadium.

Simpson was at his home along with girlfriend and teammate Anthony Collins on Tuesday when the woman accepted the package, said Michelle Gregory, a spokeswoman with the California Department of Justice.

Collins' agent didn't return a call seeking comment. Collins practiced on Thursday but didn't make himself available to reporters for comment. Coach Marvin Lewis said Collins wasn't a focus of the investigation, though he declined further comment.

The package originated in Eureka, Calif., part of the so-called Emerald Triangle, the state's vaunted pot-growing region, and was discovered by a drug-sniffing dog in Sacramento, Gregory said. The address label bore the name of Jason Snider, but Gregory said it's not unusual for people to use false names when sending illegal drugs through the mail.

A search of Simpson's home also turned up 6 more pounds of marijuana, smoking pipes and scales, authorities said.

"We don't believe it (the package) was for personal use," Gregory said. "We believe there's some sort of distribution or sales out of his home."

The Bengals had 10 players arrested during a 10-month span from April 2006 to June 2007. Receiver Chris Henry was the biggest repeat offender, one of the factors in NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell cracking down on player misconduct.

The Bengals created a stir when they decided to bring Henry back after his fifth arrest. He later died in a fall from his fiancee's truck.

Two players got arrested last summer, putting the Bengals back in the spotlight.

Last July, cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was arrested in downtown Cincinnati and charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for trial in November. Jones is currently on an injury list as he recovers from offseason neck surgery.

Running back Cedric Benson spent five days in a Texas jail before the start of the season, completing his sentence for two misdemeanor assault cases.

Law enforcement agents are trying to determine who sent the package to Simpson's home. There was no return label.

Gregory said if Kentucky authorities do not charge Simpson or others, California may consider that possibility.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-New York | 95 | 61 | .609 | – |
| Boston | 88 | 68 | .564 | 7 |
| Tampa Bay | 86 | 70 | .551 | 9 |
| Toronto | 79 | 77 | .506 | 16 |
| Baltimore | 66 | 90 | .423 | 29 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Detroit | 90 | 66 | .577 | – |
| Cleveland | 77 | 78 | .497 | 12 1/2 |
| Chicago | 76 | 80 | .487 | 14 |
| Kansas City | 68 | 88 | .436 | 22 |
| Minnesota | 60 | 95 | .387 | 29 1/2 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 90 | 66 | .577 | – |
| Los Angeles | 85 | 71 | .545 | 5 |
| Oakland | 70 | 86 | .449 | 20 |
| Seattle | 66 | 90 | .423 | 24 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Philadelphia | 98 | 58 | .628 | – |
| Atlanta | 88 | 68 | .564 | 10 |
| Washington | 76 | 79 | .490 | 21 1/2 |
| New York | 74 | 82 | .474 | 24 |
| Florida | 71 | 85 | .455 | 27 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 91 | 65 | .583 | – |
| St. Louis | 86 | 70 | .551 | 5 |
| Cincinnati | 76 | 80 | .487 | 15 |
| Chicago | 69 | 87 | .442 | 22 |
| Pittsburgh | 69 | 87 | .442 | 22 |
| Houston | 54 | 102 | .346 | 37 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | 90 | 66 | .577 | – |
| San Francisco | 84 | 72 | .538 | 6 |
| Los Angeles | 78 | 77 | .503 | 11 1/2 |
| Colorado | 70 | 86 | .449 | 20 |
| San Diego | 68 | 88 | .436 | 22 |

**x-clinched division**

**Yesterday's Games**

N.Y. Mets 8, St. Louis 6
Washington 6, Philadelphia 1
Houston 9, Colorado 6
L.A. Dodgers 8, San Francisco 2
Minnesota 3, Seattle 2
Oakland 4, Texas 3
Baltimore 6, Detroit 5
Cleveland 11, Chicago White Sox 2
Tampa Bay 15, N.Y. Yankees 8
Toronto 4, L.A. Angels 3, 12 innings

### TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Scores Thursday in the $8 million Tour Championship at the 7,319-yard (6,692-meter) par-70 course at East Lake Golf Club:

**FIRST ROUND**

| | |
|---|---|
| Keegan Bradley | 33-31—64 |
| Jason Dufner | 32-34—66 |
| Chez Reavie | 34-32—66 |
| Luke Donald | 34-32—66 |
| Charles Howell III | 34-33—67 |
| Hunter Mahan | 33-34—67 |
| Adam Scott | 35-32—67 |
| Jason Day | 35-32—67 |
| Matt Kuchar | 33-34—67 |
| Aaron Baddeley | 34-34—68 |
| Bill Haas | 33-35—68 |
| Phil Mickelson | 35-33—68 |
| K.J. Choi | 34-34—68 |
| Steve Stricker | 33-35—68 |
| Brandt Snedeker | 34-34—68 |
| Geoff Ogilvy | 35-34—69 |
| Justin Rose | 35-34—69 |
| Webb Simpson | 33-36—69 |
| Fredrik Jacobson | 37-33—70 |
| Jonathan Byrd | 38-32—70 |
| Dustin Johnson | 34-36—70 |
| Bo Van Pelt | 37-34—71 |
| Bubba Watson | 35-36—71 |
| Y.E. Yang | 37-35—72 |
| Mark Wilson | 39-33—72 |
| Gary Woodland | 35-37—72 |
| Nick Watney | 34-38—72 |
| David Toms | 37-36—73 |
| John Senden | 37-36—73 |
| Vijay Singh | 37-37—74 |

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## MAFEA

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for SAFSWO with 18 and 10 markers, respectively. SAFSWO bowed out of the competition without a win.

Before collapsing in the second half, SAFSWO managed to lead in the opening quarter, 14-10, behind the five points apiece of Darag and Surima. MAFEA got off to a slow start despite drawing two early triples from Vistal.

MAFEA picked up its scoring in the second period with Vistal connecting on two more triples and Bicera firing 10 points to grab the driver's seat.

**MAFEA/RNV 90** – Vistal 25, Bicera 15, de la Torre 14, Pineda 12, Manalili 11, Sevilla 8, Canoy 5.

**SAFSWO 59** – Darag 18, Surima 10, Malicden 8, Conti 6, Echavez 6, Ebuen 5, Jacob 4, Bucalig 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 10-14, 34-32, 64-42, 90-59.

# Two-way tie in Obyan Division

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D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Team Pirata and Wild Bill's Bar 7 Grill's Shark attack are tied for the top spot in the Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Summer/Fall 2011 8-Ball League's Obyan Division after the conclusion of Tuesday's matchups.

Meanwhile, Jonny's Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers is the current frontrunner in the Agingan Division.

Team Pirata edged out Jonny's Crazy 8 (13-15), 4-3, at home, while Shark Attack endured a 3-4 upset on the road from 19th Hole's Titans (11-17).

Both top squads hold identical win-loss records of 17-11.

The Titans' sister team Posku (15-13) improved to third place in the standings with a 7-0 shutout over Jonny's Team SCS (11-17) at home.

This Tuesday, Crazy 8 hosts the Titans; Poksu welcomes Team Pirata; and Shark Attack calls over Team SCS.

IT&E Voyagers bested second-ranked Docomo Hustlers, 5-2, at home at Jonny's Bar & Grill. IT&E Voyagers improved its record to 21-7 and now holds a four-game advantage over its rival squad out of Utopia Sports Bar.

Jonny's Home Boyz Five (14-14) upset third-ranked IT&E Incredibles (16-12), 4-3, on the road at Sand's Bar, while VFW Post 3457 X-Tream (9-19) defeated Joe's Bar's Fotten Palau (7-21), 5-2, at home.

This Tuesday, Home Boyz Five plays home against X-Tream; Docomo Hustlers welcome IT&E Incredibles; and Fotten Palau hosts IT&E Voyagers.

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D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Team Pirata, shown here in this file photo, snuck past Jonny's Bar & Grill's Crazy 8, 4-3, at home last Tuesday and are now tied for first place in the SBA Obyan Division standings with Wild Bill's Bar 7 Grill's Shark.

# SML to compete in Triple-A baseball tourney

The Saipan Major League Baseball Association has been invited by the Baseball Confederation of Oceania to participate in its Triple A Baseball Tournament set for January 2012 in Guam.

The AAA tournament is open to eligible and active players 18 years and under. Players turning 19 years old during the 2011 calendar year will not be eligible to play in this tournament.

Therefore, to qualify for selection, a player has to be actively playing in the ongoing Summer/Youth Baseball League or participate in youth baseball camps, which will be conducted, by qualified SMLBA coaches.

Wood or composite bats will be used during the tournament and players in this league are urged to make the necessary adjustments and adapt to the use of these bats.

The roster is expected to be determined sometime in early or mid-November.

Other competing teams include Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Palau, and host Guam.

For more information about the Triple A Baseball Tournament, contact SML official Tony Rogolifoi at 288-5426. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

## MANNY

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day afternoon at the Cooyeesan Hotel's Shape Up Gym.

And, as usual, Pacquiao did not disappoint.

The eight-division champion, honing up for his third showdown against Juan Manuel Marquez on Nov. 12 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, showed enough speed, skill and power to convince Linares, who'll be battling Antonio Demraco for the vacant WBC lightweight title on Oct. 15, that he's going to finish off the Mexican great this time.

"Maybe in four or up to five rounds," the 26-year-old pride of Venezuela, who totes an impressive 31-win, 1-loss record spiked by 20 knockouts, told TV5.

That's a huge compliment considering that Pacquiao is only about 80 percent into tiptop shape, according to Filipino trainer Buboy Fernandez.

"He (Pacquiao) is on fire," said Fernandez in Filipino. "Never in our previous camps has he improved so fast.

"And the results are good, so we're giving in to what he wants."

The four-round sparring session was not calendared, with Pacquiao supposed to do gym work and mitts only.

Early in the morning, Pacquiao jogged and ran in the flatlands with noted marathoner Brian Livingstone, from Los Angeles, near the Teacher's Camp.

Originally set for 3.8 kilometers, the road work extended to 6.8 km with Pacquiao yearning for more.

Though he admitted having difficulty on his high-altitude uphill run on Wednesday, Pacquiao said it will only take two more days for him to be back in his element.

Fernandez, who did the mitts with his boyhood buddy when Roach was still in the United States, agreed.

"He's gaining ground fast and I can already feel his power. My hands ached whenever he unleashes those shots."

# *Margarito feared eye injury could end career*

**NEW YORK** (AP) — At first, Antonio Margarito just thought it was a good shot by Manny Pacquiao and his eye was merely swelling.

Then he learned after the defeat in November he had a fractured orbital bone.

"I never thought it was going to be a career-threatening injury until I was told in the hospital I had to have surgery," the Tijuana Tornado said through a translator. "That's when it all started sinking in that my career might come to an end."

It didn't, and Margarito returns to the ring Dec. 3 in a rematch against Miguel Cotto for the Puerto Rican star's WBA super welterweight title at Madison Square Garden.

The 33-year-old former welterweight champion considered retirement after the surgery to repair the fracture and another procedure about 2 1/2 months ago to fix a cataract caused by the blow. But he was assured by doctors he could still fight.

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Antonio Margartio was badly beaten by Manny Pacquiao during their fight at Dallas Cowboys Stadium November 2011.

He still can't shake talk about what happened in January 2009 when Margarito was found to have a plaster-like substance in his hand wraps before a loss to Shane Mosley.

At a news conference in Manhattan on Tuesday to promote their bout, Cotto showed reporters a photo on his phone of Margarito's hands after their fight that he suggested revealed an improper wrap.

Margarito insisted yet again that "I've always fought clean."

"After I beat him, everybody's going to see that," Margarito said.

Margarito stopped Cotto in the 11th round in a rousing fight in July 2008 to win the WBA welterweight title. Since then, both have been battered by Pacquiao, and Margarito missed more than a year because of the hand-wrapping scandal.

Promoter Bob Arum offered up a complicated plan to ensure both boxers' wraps were legal before the December bout. New York State Athletic Commission chairwoman Melvina Lathan said she was confident her inspectors could secure a clean fight without extra precautions.

## MOBIL

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near his right eye after colliding with Derrick Aughenbaugh in the third period, made the first charity. He missed the second one badly as the ball hit nothing but air. Then on his third try, Mungcal intentionally muffed his shot, hoping to get the offensive rebound.

However, Jorge De Guzman took the defensive board and was fouled with 8.6 seconds to go in the match. De Guzman, who faltered on his two previous trips at the stripe, this time canned both free throws to give Mobil the insurance baskets.

Mobil won the closely fought match sans key players Jun Estolas and Gyles Ruluked.

Playing with nothing to lose and everything to gain, NMBA hung in there in the first half and even took the lead in the last three minutes of the third period, 62-58.

Mungcal kept NMBA afloat in the first quarter, 19-21, as he sizzled for 12 points. Mobil played too complacent in the opening quarter and could have pulled away in the second half with their several offensive rebounds, but it missed almost 20 charities, giving NMBA a chance to steal the game.

Mobil found more breathing space in the second period, 44-38, behind its balance scoring. The lead was stretched to 11, as Mobil had a quick 5-0 scoring with only less than a minute gone by in the third canto.

However, NMBA regrouped and with Morales drilling 13 points in the third period, Mobil lost the upper hand and fell behind at the end of that canto, 65-67.

In the majority of the first three periods, Mobil coach Marvin Deocares sat on the bench, not ready to push the panic button despite NMBA's surge. However in the fourth quarter, Deocares stood up while giving instructions to his players.

The sense of urgency for Mobil was there in the fourth period and Deocares' wards began stepping up. Mobil regained the upper hand and led by as much as six, 87-81, in the last 56.5 in the match.

Again, NMBA refused to give up, but still fell short, committing costly errors in the homestretch and missing important free throws.

De Guzman led Mobil with 14 points, while Leo Factor and Ernie Moises added 11 each. Ron Gamboa and Aughenbaugh had 10 apiece.

Morales paced NMBA with 31 points, while Mungcal tallied 27, but was without a field goal in the fourth quarter, as he was clearly bothered by the bump near his right eye.

**Bayani/Mobil 91** – De Guzman 14, Factor 11, Moises 11, Gamboa 10, Augenbaugh 10, Sharry 9, Gapor 7, Lizama 6, Fernando 6, Wenceslao 2.

**NMBA/Mixed Blood 87** – Morales 31, Mungcal 27, Ito 12, Detera 8, Roque 4, Valiente 2, Camacho 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-19, 44-38, 67-65, 91-87.

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handicapper Guban recorded a gross 90.

Randy Tudela scored a net 71 to finish in solo third, while two were tied for fourth, as Rene Batallones and Dandito Breboneria shot identical net scores of 72.

Other Fil-Taga members who joined the September Ace tournament, with their net scores in parenthesis, were Ruben Avendano (74), Leo Ganacias (74), Raffy Piamonte (74), Jun Calma (75), Freddie Cataluna (75), Manny Alvarez (76), Mike Cruz (76), Dan Ganacias (77), Jacinto Ramones (77), Richard Atalig (78), Henry Cruz (78); Lito Mendoza (78), Hiroyuki Toyoshima (78), Gil Faller (79), Rick Kautz (79), Nick Sablan (81), George Sablan Sr. (82), John Matsumoto (83), Adony Matutino (83), Larry Pascual (83), Nestor Siruelo (85), Paul Bea (88), and Jess Yumul (100).

With Lopez and Chiong topping the September tournament, they are now eligible for the Fil-Taga Golfer of the Year Tournament, joining early qualifiers Matutino, Richard Meimban, Cataluna, Richard Atalig, Leo and Dan Ganacias, Matsumoto, William Retardo, Nazareno Ortiz, Kautz, James Mitchell, Jacinto Ramones, Sandy Palon, and Dennis Sebastian.

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# MAFEA/RNV eliminates SAFSWO

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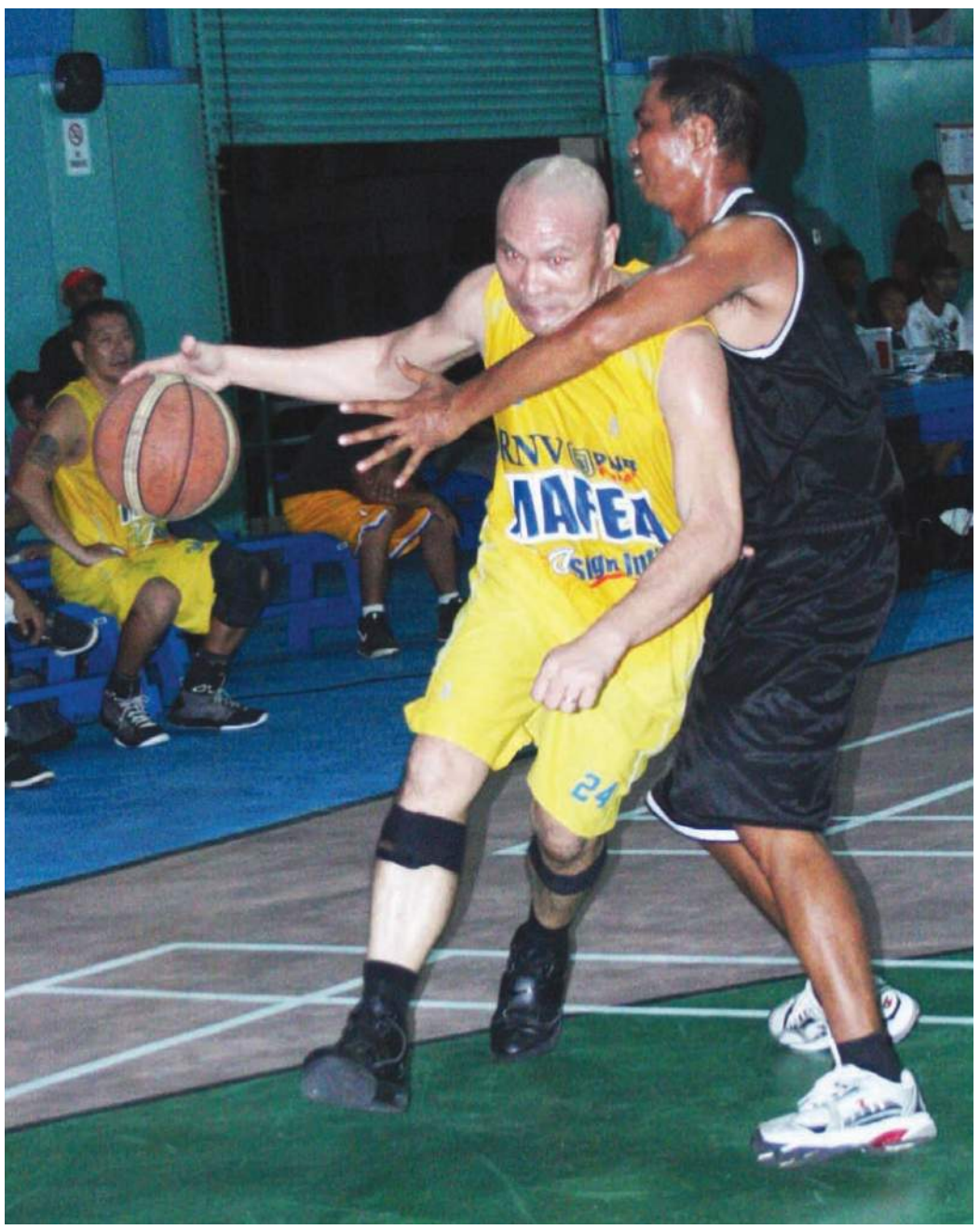
MAFEA/RNV ousted SAFSWO and claimed the last semis seat in the UFO Inter-Organization Masters Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 after an emphatic 90-59 victory in their playoff game on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.



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MAFEA/RNV's Dado Vistal, left, is fouled by SAFSWO's Dionie Malicden during their playoff game in the UFO Docomo Cup on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

A 30-10 scoring run in the third quarter was all MAFEA/RNV needed to knock off SAFSWO and join Cabalen/Wings Travel, VisMinda/PIAHI, and MDX/Armatech in the semifinals. MAFEA will face Cabalen in the semis next week, while VisMinda and Armatech will collide in the other Final Four pairing with winners in the two playoff matches advancing to the finals.

After leading by only a deuce at the break, 34-32, MAFEA pulled away in the third canto behind the trio of Dado Vistal, Ed Manalili, and Elmer Pineda. Vistal started the third period with back-to-back triples for his fourth straight trey, as he also ended the second frame with two shots from downtown. Manalili also had a string of points, nailing seven midway in the third, while Pineda scored eight of MAFEA's last 10 points in that quarter.

With MAFEA on target in the third, it took a commanding 64-42 lead, entering the final canto. SAFSWO was held to 10 points, as it had only Dionie Malicden making more than two field goals in the third period. Rey Darag, Noel Conti, and Ed Echavez logged two points apiece.

MAFEA widened the gap further in the fourth quarter and midway in the payoff period, the RNV-supported squad had already pulled out its starters as the game was already in the bag.

Vistal paced MAFEA with 25 points, while his four other teammates also finished in double figures. Danny Bicera chipped in 15 points, Ferdie de la Torre added 14, Pineda contributed 12, and Manalili nailed 11.

Only Rey Darag and Mike Surima scored in double digits

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Bayani/Mobil's Derrick Augenbaugh, center, pulls up for a shot against Jojit Roque, left, and Robert Valiente, during their playoff game in the UFO Bud Cup on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

## Mobil/Bayani slips past NMBA

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Bayani/Mobil is back on track after escaping with a 91-87 victory over NMBA/Mixed Blood in the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

The win snapped Mobil's three-game losing skid and improved its record to 4-3 for fourth place in the eight-team field.

The already eliminated NMBA finished the season with a 1-7 slate, but did not go out without a fight, as it scared Mobil all throughout the game before giving in at the closing seconds of the match.

NMBA threatened Mobil for the last time at the 12.5-second mark of the fourth period when Pete Lizama fouled Randy Mungcal from the three-point area with Bayani ahead by only three, 89-86.

Mungcal, who played the fourth quarter with a bump

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## Lopez, Chiong wins Fil-Taga September Ace

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Lopez

Ernie Lopez and Alstree Chiong triumphed in the Fil-Taga Golfers Association September Ace of the Month tournament held last Sunday at Coral Ocean Point.

Lopez won the September Ace in Division B, while Chiong prevailed in Division A.

A net 69 gave Lopez the victory in Division B, while Chiong's winning net score was a 70. The 28-handicapper Lopez carded a gross 97, while Chiong, a 13-handicapper fired a gross 83.

Lopez's 69 was also the lowest net score among the 29 Fil-Taga members who joined the monthly tournament, while Chiong had the second best, tying Mando Guban. The 20-

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## Manny Pacquiao in 4 or 5, says Linares

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**BAGUIO CITY, Philippines**—Manny Pacquiao's rapid rise to form is catching his training team off-guard.

Barely three days into his Baguio training camp, the pound-for-pound king surprised chief trainer Freddie Roach when he asked for a sparring session with Jorge Linares, the former WBC featherweight and WBA super featherweight champion yester-

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Eight-division boxing champion Manny Pacquiao is hard at work during a training session in Baguio City, Philippines.